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TRAVEL BUBBLE IS ON



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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI and South Korea have formally established a travel bubble that takes effect today, July 1, 2021.

The agreement, which facilitates the safe resumption of air travel between the two countries during the COVID-19 pandemic, was signed late yesterday, June 30, 2021, between Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on behalf of the CNMI and Vice Minister Seong-Kyu Hwang of the Republic of Korea.

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AT A GLANCE

As of 6:14pm, June 30, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: **63.8%**

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	25,113
Fully Vaccinated:	22,804
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,098
Fully Vaccinated:	3,816
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	430

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,348	9	8,357
Recovered	8,126	2	8,128
Active	80	4	89
Deaths	140	0	140
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	178,666		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	183	0	183
Traced via Travel Screening	147	0	147
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	26,131*		
Days since last community transmission	99		

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

NMC's Eliptico resumes role as VP



Eliptico

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REPORTER

After serving as the Northern Marianas College's interim president for the past three years, Frankie Eliptico will resume his role as vice president of Advancement and Administration, as NMC's new president, Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, begins his term today, July 1.

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NAP to distribute P-EBT coupons in lump sum in August

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REPORTER

Nutrition Assistance Program administrator Walter Macaranas said Tuesday they are planning to distribute the Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer program coupons in lump sum this August instead of the original plan to do three

» **6,033 P-EBT total applications filed; 5,785 applications verified as of date**

distributions.

The Public School System's Child Nutrition Program earlier suggested staggering the issuances of the P-EBT coupons

and not in lump sum so as not to overwhelm stores with parents using the coupons all at the same time.

Each child in a public school is estimated to receive \$900 in coupons.

In response to *Saipan Tribune's* request for clarification and updated information about

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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McDonald's Saipan donates \$1,000 for this year's Liberation Day fireworks display on Sunday.

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United Airlines has purchased 270 Boeing and Airbus aircraft as part of its "United Next" initiative.

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Even Chris Pratt sometimes craves for something different from Marvel and "Jurassic Park."

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Local

Rise in fuel prices result in fuel adjustment charge increase

Customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be paying a little more for their power consumption this month, reflecting an upward trend in fuel prices worldwide.

CUC notified its customer yesterday that its fuel supplier, Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc., has notified it that there has been an increase in the average international fuel oil prices that will affect the fuel adjustment charge, one of the components of utility bills that all CUC customers get.

Because of this adjustment, the current FAC rate of \$0.17341 per kilowatt-hour will increase to \$0.19355 per kWh effective today, July 1, 2021.

The FAC is one of two components that make up the CUC electric kWh rate, which is used to purchase fuel. The second component is the CUC base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt service. This base rate has not been increased since April 17, 2014.

CUC is required, pursuant to an order previously issued by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, to adjust (up or down) the FAC pass-through rate when the Mean of Plans Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the current FAC rate.

CUC first instituted the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the CPUC authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the electric rate. (PR)

Kilili's transportation amendment approved for House floor debate

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House Rules Committee approved yesterday an amendment to the INVEST in America Act, offered by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), that aims to increase road funding for the Marianas. Sablan's amendment will be debated by the full House of Representatives, as it considers the \$715-billion infrastructure bill over the next several days.

"Currently, road funding is divided among the Marianas and the other areas in a way that is disadvantageous to our islands," Sablan said. "Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands get 40% each. The Marianas and American Samoa get 10% each. Those percentages are not based on population, or road mileage, or land area, or any other measure. And those percentages are not set in law. They are arbitrarily set by administrators in the Federal Highway Administration."

Sablan's amendment requires the Transportation secretary to develop a "data driven, equitable allocation" of the annual highway funding.

Slow spending blocks change

The Marianas delegate has tried repeatedly to get allocations changed administratively. And the Federal Highway Administration has admitted that any allocation based on objective measures would result in more money for the Marianas.

Sablan's efforts, however, have been undermined because the Commonwealth typically carries a large backlog of funding compared to other insular governments. So, the FHWA argues, why change how much money the Marianas receives when it does not spend what it is already getting?

Last November, FHWA administrator Nicole R. Nason told Sablan the Commonwealth had over two years of funding unspent—"an unobligated balance of approximately \$8.7 million...."

"In contrast," she wrote, "the unobligated balances for American Samoa and Guam were zero, and the U.S. Virgin Islands had an unobligated balance of less than \$100,000."

Even if the Commonwealth is slow to spend federal highway funds compared to the other insular governments, Sablan said, he wants to keep the issue alive with his amendment to the bill the House is debating this week.

Sablan's amendment also requires the secretary to recommend an appropriate increase in the Territorial Highway Program funding. "It is always helpful to increase funding when shifting allocations," Sablan said. "That way no one insular area suffers any great loss."

\$18.6 million in transportation earmarks for Marianas

Whether Sablan's allocation amendment passes or not he was already able to include \$18.6 million in earmarked funding for Marianas projects in the INVEST in America Act, when it was reported by committee on June 10.

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Bus Transfer Stations at Northern Marianas College, Paseo De Marianas, and Kagman	Saipan	\$900,000
Construction of COTA Covered Bus Parking Facility	Saipan	\$3,000,000
Design and Construction of the Rota Transit Maintenance Facility	Rota	\$520,000
Design and Construction of Tinian Transit Maintenance Facility	Tinian	\$520,000
Procurement of Four Rolling Stocks for Rota and Tinian Demand Responsive Services	Rota, Tinian	\$480,000
Route 10 Drainage Improvements and Road Overlay	Rota	\$2,000,000
Route 205 Road and Drainage Improvements	Tinian	\$2,000,000
Chalan Pale Arnold Safety Improvements	Saipan	\$2,000,000
Naftan Road Improvements	Saipan	\$2,000,000
Supply and Installation of 187 Bus Stop Shelters	Saipan	\$4,500,000
Equipment & Tools for the COTA Maintenance Facility	Saipan	\$400,000

\$5K bail for man who allegedly burglarized car rental

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The Department of Public Safety has arrested a man who is wanted for allegedly burglarizing a car rental company in Dandan back in May and the Superior Court imposed a \$5,000 bail for his temporary release.

Superior Court Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a \$5,000 cash bail on Benjamin Basa, a man who has been wanted since May 31 for allegedly burglarizing the ABC Car Rental.

However, because Basa has no prior criminal record, Kim-Tenorio allowed him to post just 10% of his initial bail, or \$500.

During his bail hearing last Monday, Office of the Attorney General's Heather Barcinas said that Basa is charged with burglary and theft, which has a maximum sentence of five years.

Basa is ordered to return to court on July 2 for his preliminary hearing.

According to a DPS report, police dispatch received a 911 call last May 31 at about 2:52pm reporting a burglary and theft incident at the ABC Car Rental in Dandan.

At the scene, police met with one of the staff members who stated that they noticed documents were scattered throughout the room as soon as they entered the office. The staff member then discovered that \$140 was missing.

After reviewing the surveillance footage, an individual, later identified as Basa, was allegedly seen breaking into the establishment the day before. Basa was allegedly seen riffling through documents, the desk, and drawers before exiting the office.

A witness had stated they saw a man who matched the surveillance footage cross the road and walk toward the Joeten Dandan building.

The staff member of the establishment stated that the individual in the footage matched the description of Basa, who is a recent customer of the establishment.

On June 10, Basa was interviewed at the Criminal Inves-

tigations Division office.

On June 25, 2021, Superior

Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan signed an arrest war-

rant for Basa for the charges of burglary and theft with bail set

at \$5,500. At around 2:44pm that same day, police arrested Basa at his residence in Finasusu. He was brought to Kanoa

Resort for clearance before being transported to the Department of Corrections where he was booked and detained.



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Ana DLG Gillespie is Rotary's Citizen of the Year

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Ana "Anie" DLG Gillespie, who is heavily involved with The Salvation Army on Saipan, was named the Rotary Club of Saipan's Citizen of the Year during an awarding ceremony held Tuesday evening at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.

In addition, Tuesday night's Rotary Club of Saipan dinner included

the induction of a new member and the announcement of new officers for the 2021-2022 Rotary year.

In accepting the award, Gillespie likened the Rotary Club's purpose to the Bible verse Matthew 25:36, which states, "I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me." Now 70 years old, Gillespie looks forward to many more years of service and dedication to her Christian faith.

In her introduction, it was shared that Gillespie was previously a model, singer, and entertainer who saw great success in beauty pageant circuits in the CNMI and internationally. She then volunteered for multiple local civic groups on Saipan, and served as vice president for the Friendship Lions Club and was a member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce in the past.

She then married Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie and subse-

quently turned to Christianity in 2001 and began her service for The Salvation Army in Guam. The two moved to Saipan in 2005 to create a Salvation Army on Saipan, where she and Wayne Gillespie remain based.

Since 2005, the Gillespies have been heavily involved in disaster response and typhoon recoveries and have provided around 200,000 meals and food assistance for thousands of those in need.

2 of 3 witnesses expected to testify today in JGO probe

» DPS' Guerrero, 3 other DPS officers subpoenaed

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The House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee resumes its hearing today, Thursday, on Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' expenditures, where it expects two of the three witnesses that failed to show up at the start of the committee's investigation.

As this developed, JGO Committee chair Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) disclosed yesterday that they have subpoenaed Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero and three other police officers for documents about a non-disclosure agreement that security details of the governor had allegedly signed.

The NDA is reportedly between the Office of the Governor and DPS as first party, and all Customs, Airport, DPS officers that were at some point assigned as personal security detail, as the second party, of the governor and his family.

Babauta said in an interview yesterday that Police Officer 1 Jomelyn S. Gelacio and Department of Finance's finance and accounting

director Bernadita C. Palacios are expected to provide testimony at the JGO hearing today at 10am.

Babauta said Gelacio have secured Anthony Aguon as counsel, but that she has no information if Palacios will appear with a lawyer. "They have not written or given me a call, or any messages that they will not be appearing. So we do expect them tomorrow," said the lawmaker, referring to Gelacio and Palacios.

Gelacio was previously assigned as security detail for first lady Diann Torres.

Babauta said the third witness, special assistant for administration Mathilda A. Rosario, has secured Viola Alepuyo as counsel. She said Rosario will testify on July 6 at 10am since Alepuyo is currently in South Korea with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other members of the delegation for the signing of the travel bubble agreement with the South Korean government.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com



Ana "Annie" DLG Gillespie gives brief remarks before accepting her Citizen of the Year Award during the Rotary Club of Saipan's dinner on Tuesday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret. She and husband Wayne Gillespie have been heavily involved with The Salvation Army for 20 years.

JOSHUA SANTOS

TRAVEL

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Hwang of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea.

The agreement was signed in Seoul, South Korea where Torres is leading the CNMI delegation negotiating with the South Korean government and business leaders to reestablish tourism to the Western Pacific beach resort destination.

The travel bubble applies to nationals, foreign national families of nationals, permanent residents, and families of permanent residents. Those who wish to travel between the two countries under the travel bubble agreement must complete vaccination against COVID-19 at least 14 days ahead of departure with vaccines approved and provided by their respective governments (Pfizer, Moderna, Janseen, AstraZeneca). In general, people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

The CNMI delegation in South

Korea includes Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Viola Alepuyo, who lauded the agreement. "Because of the CNMI's Level 1 designation by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention], the high number of vaccinated community members, and it being lauded as one of the safest places during this worldwide pandemic, the Korean government chose the CNMI as the first destination to enter into a Travel Bubble Arrangement," said Alepuyo. "Today's agreement between MOLIT and the CNMI is the biggest step forward in rebooting the CNMI tourism industry. This travel bubble is the bridge we need for Korea travelers choosing our destination as tourism resumes worldwide. In consultation with the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., we are confident that the safety measures established by this travel bubble agreement—essentially full vaccination—is the safety choice to keep our island community safe."

Approved travelers must have remained in their country of embarkation for at least 14 days prior to departure. Travelers under the travel

bubble must travel on direct nonstop flights between the Republic of Korea and the CNMI operated by either country's national carriers. The agreement is for group tours between Seoul Incheon International Airport and Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Other entry or exit points, including Rota and Tinian, may be added by mutual consent.

Travelers must also undertake a RT-PCR COVID-19 test within three days before departure, and obtain a certificate of having tested negative for COVID-19 from accredited laboratories by the health authorities of each country. For the return journey, both Korean and the CNMI governments shall provide convenience for travelers to be tested for COVID-19 three days before their departure.

Upon arrival at each destination, travelers will be subject to an on-arrival RT-PCR COVID-19 test. They will be exempt from quarantine and allowed to travel as long as they test negative on their on-arrival test. However, travelers may be placed on a controlled itinerary as required by health measures of both destinations. (PR)

tionally, he will be in charge of advancement, marketing, and fundraising for the college.

The NMC Board of Regents earlier offered the position of NMC president to Eliptico, but he chose not to pursue the position at this time. When asked why, Eliptico said he currently wants to prioritize expanding NMC's campus and seeing the construction of new facilities. Eliptico, however, is not totally closing the door to the possibility of applying for the role of NMC president in the future.

"I believe [being NMC president] will probably be part of my life in the future...but at this point, I'd like to focus my efforts and energy on really expanding the college's facilities and building the many wonderful buildings we have secured grants for. ...It has been a privilege of a lifetime to work with

an amazing team here at NMC. I thank the Board of Regents, the Legislature, the governor, and everybody else who has supported my interim presidency for the last three years," he said.

Eliptico was appointed interim president in August 2018, and has been the college's leader through the devastation to the campus caused by Super Typhoon Yutu and the unforeseen challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under Eliptico's leadership, the college was able to secure \$80 million in grants for new infrastructure and was able to maintain strong enrollment numbers despite the pandemic.

The NMC president before Eliptico was Dr. Carmen Fernandez, who had resigned from her post. Before Fernandez, NMC had Dr. Sharon Hart.

NMC

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Eliptico, who ended his tenure as interim president yesterday, June 30, is excited for the future of the college and looks forward to working closely with Deleon Guerrero and the rest of NMC's staff.

"There are many wonderful things coming down the pipeline for the college, and I'm excited to be supporting Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero in his new role here at NMC [and] also working with everyone else at the college," said Eliptico in an interview yesterday.

As vice president for Administration and Advancement, Eliptico will oversee current facilities, the building of new facilities, and current and future workforce programs. Addi-

NAP

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the P-EBT program, Macaranas said yesterday that the amount of benefits for children in private schools will depend on the school's predominant schedule, which could vary for each private school.

Macaranas cited an example one private school that was only closed for two weeks for the entire school year due to COVID-19. "As such, the children in that school will only receive P-EBT benefits for those two weeks of missed school days," he said.

The NAP administrator disclosed that they received a total of 6,033 applications and, out of those number, have already verified 5,785.

In his appearance Tuesday afternoon before the House Ways and Means Committee on the budget request of the Department of Community & Culture Affairs, which handles NAP, Macaranas said the original deadline to file P-EBT applications was last June 11, but there many that missed the deadline. He said those who missed the June 11 deadline appealed to the Board of Education so the deadline was extended to last Fri-

day, June 25.

The administrator said at the hearing that over 5,000 applications are now being vetted or scrutinized.

Essentially, he said, it's not a tedious process but it does require the PSS' Child Nutrition Program to actually validate the person submitting the application with the school record.

"We are looking at getting our roster complete—all the applications verified—perhaps by early part of July," Macaranas said.

At this point, he said, they are looking at over 5,000 applications, which may consist of 10,000 children.

Children who live in the same household are included in the same application. If a household has four children, the household should submit only one application, not four applications.

Macaranas said over 11,000 children were estimated to benefit from the program based on terms of the rosters that were provided in the beginning.

P-EBT is a federal program that will provide the Marianas an estimated \$11.1 million. DCCA's NAP and PSS' CNP are partnering to administer the program.

KILILI

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"Everyone on Saipan who has talked to me about how congested our roads are will be glad to see so much of the earmarked money going to support the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority and public transportation," Sablan said. "In particular, the 187 bus stops that COTA asked me to get money

for will bring the bus system closer to people's homes and provide shelter from the sun and the rain, making public transportation a better alternative to more expensive private cars."

Sablan thanked the Office of Transit Authority and the Commonwealth Department of Public Works for working together with him in developing the project list that was included in the INVEST in America Act. (PR)



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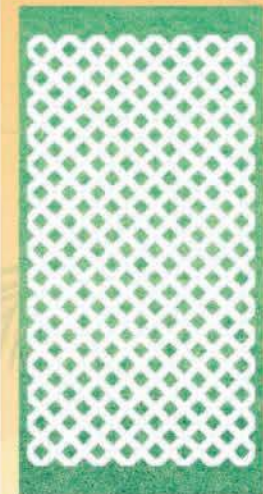
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ABOVE & BEYOND LLC SECURITY P O BOX 505771 SAIPAN MP 96950	APPROACH GROUP CNMI LLC P O BOX 506153 SAIPAN MP 96950	CHENG-HSIANG WENG PMB 152 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	DONAVAN ITIBUS CAMACHO P O BOX 5143 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950	EUN SUN YOO LEE DBA SAIPAN LOUNGE/ YUNIS LOUNGE PO BOX 501962 SAIPAN MP 96950	GUANG DONG ZHOU JING FU HOTEL CORP SAIPAN MP 96950
ABU SIWED DBA A J LAWN CARE SERVICES P O BOX 504060 SAIPAN MP 96950	ARLENE P BORJA P O BOX 505267 CK SAIPAN MP 96950	CHENGRI SHI P O BOX 500745 SAIPAN MP 96950	DONGJOO KIM P O BOX 7774 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	EVA JEAN N TAITANO EMILLY N TAITANO P O BOX 506438 SAIPAN MP 96950	GUIZHI ZANG PMB 688 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950
ABU SIWED DBA A.J. SECURITY P O BOX 504060 SAIPAN MP 96950	ARNOLD QUIRINO DE VERA P O BOX 506258 SAIPAN MP 96950	CHIE FUKUMORI KITA 2-3-7 TSUTSUJIGAOKA SANDA-SHI HYOGO JAPAN 669-1348	DORALYNN N BARCINAS BRANDON MITCHELL N BARCINAS P O BOX 1074 ROTA MP 96951	EVANGELINE SAYGO DELA CRUZ P O BOX 503082 SAIPAN MP 96950	HABIBULLAH M FERDOUS P O BOX 506034 SAIPAN MP 96950
AIYANA CHRISTEL C NUNEZ PMB 105 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	ATSUMI KITSUDA PO BOX 10000 PMB 371 SAIPAN MP 96950	CHUAN ANTONIO C TIU ALBERT ONG TIU P O BOX 502399 SAIPAN MP 96950	DR. STEAM CO. P O BOX 10003 PMB 226 SAIPAN MP 96950	EXACT CRANE AND NDT SERVICES, INC. PMB A-30, P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	HAIYAN HUANG PMB 678 P O BOX 10012 SAIPAN MP 96950
AKEMI ISHIKAWA TTEE JULIA ISHIKAWA, BENEFICIARY P O BOX 500066 CK SAIPAN MP 96950	AUDREY ROSE CABRERA CASTRO P O BOX 502304 SAIPAN MP 96950	CHUAN ANTONIO C TIU SUPREMA V TIU P O BOX 502399 SAIPAN MP 96950	EDGARDO C BELEY PMB 1020 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	FAIRYLAND INVESTMENT LLC PMB 131 P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	HAZEL JOY A DAYRIT PMB 276 P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950
ALBERT CHOI P O BOX 7487 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	B & C LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY B&C LLC P O BOX 504250 SAIPAN MP 96950	CHUN HOWE SAW PMB 1224 P O BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	EDIHUEL N NECESITO JULIETA E TUPAS P O BOX 504405 SAIPAN MP 96950	FANG KUAN CHOU PMB 1294 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	HCCG BLDG & CIVIL ENG. (SAIPAN) LTD PMB 389 BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950
ALBERT ONG TIU P O BOX 502399 SAIPAN MP 96950	BANGON HUDAK PMB 665 P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	CHUN-HSIEN HUANG PMB 283 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	EDNA P REYES DBA WILLY'S PHOTO LAB P O BOX 506245 SAIPAN MP 96950	FELITO MANALO DALUPO SAIPAN MP 96950	HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION DBA SAIPAN HEALTH CLINIC P O BOX 502878 SAIPAN MP 96950
ALBERT ONG TIU TTEE SUPREMA V TIU TTEE AARON SPENCER V TIU BNF P O BOX 502399 SAIPAN MP 96950	BARBARA ESTHER L RUBEN P O BOX 501472 SAIPAN MP 96950	CLAUDINE B CAMACHO P O BOX 501595 SAIPAN MP 96950	EDWIN F CANILLO PO BOX 506612 SAIPAN MP 96950	FRANCINE J M AGULTO JOSE B AGULTO P O BOX 7749 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	HEALTH SOLUTIONS INC DBA GOOD HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE P O BOX 505478 SAIPAN MP 96950
ALBERT ONG TIU TTEE SUPREMA V TIU TTEE ATHENA SONYA V TIU BNF P O BOX 502399 SAIPAN MP 96950	BARBARA S FRANCISCO GLADYS S FRANCISCO SAIPAN MP 96950	CLIFTON ESLAY AGASEN PO BOX 501935 SAIPAN MP 96950	EDWIN PADERNAL VASQUEZ SAIPAN MP 96950	FRANCISCO ADA TTEE JOSEPH DILLON R ADA BNF P O BOX 506157 SAIPAN MP 96950	HEN QI LI CORPORATION DBA PRETTY MARKET PMB 655 PPP BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950
ALI ASGAR HOSSAIN P O BOX 520765 TINIAN MP 96952	BENJIE LIBRE DENIEGA PO BOX 500689 SAIPAN MP 96950	CNM1 LABOR DAY COMMITTEE CALLER BOX 10007 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CAPITOL HILL SAIPAN MP 96950	EIKO MIZUNO 1174-1 MINAMITADA KAIBARA-CHO TANBA-CHI HYOGO JAPAN 669-3301 HYOGO JAPAN	FRANCISCO BALAWANG PO BOX 505338 SAIPAN MP 96950	HERMINIA M FUSCO RACHEL ANN FUSCO P O BOX 5426 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950
ALICIA CAYUBET FERNANDEZ TTEE HAILLERINE CAYUBET FERNANDEZ BNF SAIPAN MP 96950	BEVERLY SALACOP CRISTOBAL PMB 678 P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	COMMONWEALTH AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOC P O BOX 500625 SAIPAN MP 96950	ELEAZAR GUMAHAD ESPANOL P O BOX 5152 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950	FRANCISCO JESUS SINOUNOU PMB 718 PO BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	HIDEKI IKEDA 2-12-6-202 MINAMI-HANAYASHIKI KAWANISHI-CITY HYOGO-PREF JAPAN 666-0026
ALLYSON K D VITUG PMB 136 P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	BOK SUN PARK PO BOX 501039 SAIPAN MP 96950	CONRAD V ESPIRITU P O BOX 500066 SAIPAN MP 96950	ELECIANO JR SENOC OCSILLOS P O BOX 503513 SAIPAN MP 96950	FRANISHIA JOLIE A BABAUTA P O BOX 5033 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950	HIROKO KUROKI 3-19-23-601 TAKANAWA MINATO-KU TOKYO JAPAN 1080074
ALTER CITY GROUP INC P O BOX 505110 SAIPAN MP 96950	BONGHONG AN PMB 574 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	CONRAD V ESPIRITU P O BOX 500066 SAIPAN MP 96950	ELIZABETH G DE OCAMPO P O BOX 503709 SAIPAN MP 96950	FUDA MARINE SPORTS INC FIFTH SEASON TOUR PMB 313 BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	HIROSHI SAKAMOTO P O BOX 501253 SAIPAN MP 96950
AMADO P RODRIGUEZ EVELYN F RODRIGUEZ TAGUIG CITY PHILIPPINES	BONIFACIO ANTONIO TUAZON JR P O BOX 505624 SAIPAN MP 96950	CONSOLACION C ATALIG P O BOX 501846 SAIPAN MP 96950	EMEROSE S DE LEON P O BOX 504976 SAIPAN MP 96950	FUKANG ZHAO P O BOX 505209 SAIPAN MP 96950	HITOSHI NARITA 1-21-3-301 SAKAE-CHO HIGASHI-MURAYA- MA TOKYO 189-0013 JAPAN TOKYO 189-0013 JAPAN
AMBROSE M BENNETT DBA PRO SERVICES P O BOX 502931 SAIPAN MP 96950	BRUCE KIKKU ROMOLOR P O BOX 505643 SAIPAN MP 96950	CORINA LORRAINE MAGOFNA PO BOX 504483 SAIPAN MP 96950	EMI SUZUKI 4-CHOME 13-3 NISHI-SHINJUKU SHINJUKU-KU TOKYO JAPAN 00160023	GENERADO DIMARUCUT BERNAL P O BOX 501655 SAIPAN MP 96950	HONG YAN LI PO BOX 10001 PMB A-16 SAIPAN MP 96950
AMG CORPORATION P O BOX 503696 SAIPAN MP 96950	BURTRAND CUMBE DACUMOS P O BOX 506241 SAIPAN MP 96950	CRISTINA P CASUNCAD P O BOX 505946 SAIPAN MP 96950	EMMANUEL ISARAN BEJO P O BOX 504082 SAIPAN MP 96950	GENNIE LYNN BLISS P O BOX 503733 SAIPAN MP 96950	HONORIO B TODINO JR P O BOX 500231 SAIPAN MP 96950
AMELITA A VIDAL PO BOX 505791 SAIPAN MP 96950	CAIRA V PINAULA P O BOX 504837 SAIPAN MP 96950	DAE YOO CORPORATION SUITE PALMS P O BOX 501706 SAIPAN MP 96950	EMPLOYMENT SERVICES & CONSULTING INC P O BOX 500686 SAIPAN MP 96950	GEORGE B PALICAN TTEE EMERENCIANA PETER PALICAN BNF P O BOX 501061 SAIPAN MP 96950	HORIZONS INC P O BOX 502399 SAIPAN MP 96950
AMERICOPTERS MARKETING INCORPORATED P O BOX 7688 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	CAPSTONE PACIFICAS CORPORATION SAIPAN MP 96950	DANILO M VALENCIA PMB 139 PPP P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	ENGRACIA V ALDAN P O BOX 501413 SAIPAN MP 96950	GERARDO PAZ BOTIN JR PMB 139 PPP P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	HSIAOFEN CHIN PMB 262 P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950
ANABEL M DOMINGO PMB 442 BOX 10005 SAIPAN MP 96950	CARLOS FAISAO PUA P O BOX 501394 SAIPAN MP 96950	DANIA PASTORA L ROMOLOR PO BOX 8115 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	ERNESTO V LACORTE JON ERNEST BARISO LACORTE PO BOX 500169 SAIPAN MP 96950	GERTRUDES U RINON DBA MDR SERVICES PO BOX 503589 SAIPAN MP 96950	HUAPING ZHENG P O BOX 505951 SAIPAN MP 96950
ANDRE ANTONIO ADA TENORIO P O BOX 501794 SAIPAN MP 96950	CATHERINE SUMMIN CHU P O BOX 5152 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950	DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT P O BOX 504789 SAIPAN MP 96950	ERNIE J HENZON PO BOX 500680 SAIPAN MP 96950	GEZHOUBA INTERNATIONAL SAIPAN CO.,LTD. P O BOX 501969 SAIPAN MP 96950	HUI MIN LI P O BOX 506554 SAIPAN MP 96950
ANNA LYN P PALACIOS P O BOX 502764 SAIPAN MP 96950	CECILIA HO LIFOIFOI PMB 37 P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	DENNIS P FABIAN PO BOX 10000 PMB 265 SAIPAN MP 96950	ESQUIRE ENTERPRISES INC P O BOX 501939 SAIPAN MP 96950	GILDA L VERGARA PMB 428 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	HUN YOUNG PARK SAIPAN MP 96950
ANTHONY JOSEPH M AGULTO FRANCINE J M AGULTO P O BOX 7749 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	CELINA M MUNA RAMON W MUNA PO BOX 503156 SAIPAN MP 96950	DESMAN TUMANGGER SAIPAN MP 96950	ESTATE OF JOSE REBUENOG LIFOIFOI CECILIA HO LIFOIFOI EXECUTRIX P O BOX 10001 PMB 37 SAIPAN MP 96950	GLENN D SAN GABRIEL PMB 658 P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	HYE SOOK LEE PMB 1367 PO BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950
	CESAR M CALALANG PMB 719 P O BOX 10005 SAIPAN MP 96950	DO YI LEE P O BOX 503924 SAIPAN MP 96950	ETSUKO KINOSHITA 2-4-4YOKOAMI SUMIDA-KU TOKYO JAPAN 130-0015	GLORIA JANE P MADARANG PO BOX 501031 SAIPAN MP 96950	HYEJA KIM P O BOX 503400 SAIPAN MP 96950

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HYUNG HUN JUNG PMB 33 P O BOX 10005 SAIPAN MP 96950	JEREMY S CALPO SAIPAN MP 96950	JOOYONG LEE PMB 642 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	KUUIPO M KALANUI TRUSTEE KAYLA MARIE ROBERTO BENEFICIARY PO BOX 503618 CK SAIPAN MP 96950	MA KHRISTINA CAMILLE N UY SAIPAN MP 96950	MEIJUN CHEN PMB 798 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950
IGOR ANATOLYEVICH KOMPANETS TATIANA RADIONOVA PMB 564 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	JESSE JOHN BENAVENTE ALDAN II P O BOX 502085 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOSE DE AUSEN ASUNCION PO BOX 10000 PMB 672 SAIPAN MP 96950	KUUIPO M KALANUI TTEE JAMES DAVID BNF PO BOX 503618 CK SAIPAN MP 96950	MAHARLIKAN CENTER FOR SOCIAL, CULTURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOP- MENT, INC (MCSCED INC) P O BOX 5008 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950	MEIXIAN ZHU REYES P O BOX 505317 SAIPAN MP 96950
IKUYA MAKITA 2-10-3 WATAUCHI FUJISAWA-SHI KANAGAWA JAPAN 251-0011	JESSICA S DELEON GUERRERO TTEE NICOLE MAR-GEN SABLAN BNF SAIPAN MP 96950	JOSE EVANGELISTA TAITANO P O BOX 312 TINIAN MP 96952	KWON & BYUN CORPORATION SAIPAN ATTY DIVE PMB 191 BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	MAN HOU TONG PMB 966 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	MELCHOR M TENORIO RUTH SHOREY TENORIO P O BOX 502270 SAIPAN MP 96950
IL NAM HONG INHO YIM P O BOX 500614 SAIPAN MP 96950	JI WOON KIM TTEE YUN JIN LEE TTEE CHLOE GYUBIN KIM BNF P O BOX 501961 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOSE JESUS PADILLA PMB 909 PPP BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	KYLE SALTO ABERAS P O BOX 501192 SAIPAN MP 96950	MAN SUN PMB 685 P O BOX 10012 SAIPAN MP 96950	MELISA T GATHARNGEG P O BOX 500156 SAIPAN MP 96950
IRISH CHRISTINE L CRUZ P O BOX 504190 SAIPAN MP 96950	JI WOON KIM TTEE YUN JIN LEE TTEE JOSHUA GYUCHAN KIM P O BOX 501961 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOSE MIGUEL A PANAGSAGAN PMB 946 P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	KYOJI KOBASHI 1-40-8 OIZUME-CHO NERIMA-KU TOKYO JAPAN 178-0062	MARCY LYNN N SOMORANG P O BOX 502342 SAIPAN MP 96950	MERCITA S ALEJANDRE P O BOX 506475 SAIPAN MP 96950
ISABEL J SEMAN TTEE JOLINDA J SEMAN BNF P O BOX 500886 SAIPAN MP 96950	JI WOON KIM TTEE YUN JIN LEE TTEE KAYLEE GYURI KIM BNF P O BOX 501961 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOSEPH MATAGOLAI ALDAN DBA M & J'S LAWN CARE P O BOX 503910 SAIPAN MP 96950	KYOKO FURUYA PMB 705 P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARFEGA TRADING CO INC P O BOX 502356 SAIPAN MP 96950	MICAH PARLEY PAGE DBA MANTA ENTERPRISES P O BOX 7837 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950
ISLAND TECHNOLOGY LLC TECHNOLOGY OFFICE PMB 68 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	JIA LIN CHEN PMB 488 P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOY CHRISTIAN M LOYOLA PMB 306 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	LA PALOMA NET CORPORATION LA PALOMA P O BOX 505701 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARIA JOJI T ABARQUEZ P O BOX 502446 SAIPAN MP 96950	MICHAEL FTIAL P O BOX 503781 SAIPAN MP 96950
ISLAND TRAVEL INVESTMENTS LLC PMB 68 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	JIHWAN KIM P O BOX 503302 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOYCE LIV P FRANCISCO P O BOX 504682 SAIPAN MP 96950	LEONORA P ALDAN P O BOX 520415 TINIAN MP 96952	MARIANA SOLUTIONS LLC P O BOX 10018 PMB 52 SAIPAN MP 96950	MICHAEL H WAINWRIGHT PMB 501 P O BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950
IVAN DERIDOVICH ZINAIDA DERIDOVICH ST TOLSTOGO 43 33 VLADIVOSTOK RUSSIA 69280-0000	JING CHEN DBA UNIVERSAL TOUR PO BOX 10003 PMB 723 SAIPAN MP 96950	JUAN M CABRERA MAILEX 1562 BOX 10005 SAIPAN MP 96950	LETTY A JONES TTEE AGUIDAVE A JONES BNF DINALET A JONES BNF PO BOX 504692 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARIANAS GEOTECH SERVICES LLC P O BOX 501585 SAIPAN MP 96950	MICHAEL R SABLAN P O BOX 5207 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950
IWATSUKI TAXI CO LTD 1-1-14 KOKURA IWATSUKI WARD SAITAMA JAPAN	JING ZHU SUN TTEE JASON SUN BNF PMB 562 P O BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	JUAN OH P O BOX 505381 SAIPAN MP 96950	LI SHA LAI P O BOX 10003 PMB 118 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARINE TECH INTERNATIONAL INC (MTI) P O BOX 5605 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950	MICHAEL REY L VALDEZ P O BOX 506426 SAIPAN MP 96950
IZUMI KINOSHITA 2-4-4 YOKOAMI SUMIDA-KU TOKYO JAPAN 130-0015	JINGYU CHEN PMB 2043 P O BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	JUANITA M BANDALES P O BOX 505401 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIANHAI SUN P O BOX 505577 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARISA E MATSUMOTO P O BOX 5057 SAIPAN MP 96950	MIGUEL R VICHES P O BOX 645 TINIAN MP 96952
JACE CHOI P O BOX 506535 SAIPAN MP 96950	JINSONG ZHAO PMB 1332 BOX 100003 GARAPAN SAIPAN MP 96950	JUN MOOK CHOI PMB 693 FINASISU P O BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIBERATION DAY COMMITTEE P O BOX 501457 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARK JOSEPH A CAACBAY P O BOX 502280 SAIPAN MP 96950	MILDRED S KELLER P O BOX 5507 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950
JACINTA M MACALINAO LIGAYA M MACALINAO PO BOX 502970 SAIPAN MP 96950	JM ENTERPRISES INC RELIANCE CONSTRUCTION P O BOX 503589 SAIPAN MP 96950	JUNE BLANCA L FRINK PMB 161 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIKAI LIU SAIPAN MP 96950	MARK SCHREIBER WILLIAM D SCHREIBER SETAGAYA-KU 1-18-7 TSURUMAKI TOKYO JAPAN 001540016	MINGNAN JIN P O BOX 504657 SAIPAN MP 96950
JACQUELIN ZOLETA PUNZALAN SAIPAN MP 96950	JOCELYN F DELEON GUERRERO P O BOX 500808 SAIPAN MP 96950	JUNSIK KIM P O BOX 10005 PMB 1108 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIN WANG P O BOX 504910 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARISA E MATSUMOTO P O BOX 5057 SAIPAN MP 96950	MINGYUN YU CASTRO PMB 860 P O BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950
JAHD HOSSEN P O BOX 504981 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOEMARIE GORNEZ LIMATOC P O BOX 501277 SAIPAN MP 96950	KA WING GARY YIM PMB 438 BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIN'S INVESTMENT CORPORATION LF MARKET/LF OUTLET SAIPAN MP 96950	MARSHA V BANTOLINO P O BOX 21 TINIAN MP 96952	MINGZHE LI P O BOX 10003 PMB 355 SAIPAN MP 96950
JAIK HUN TAN PMB 1224 P O BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOHN JOHN H CRUZ NATALIE L CRUZ P O BOX 505062 SAIPAN MP 96950	KAM LUEN CHEUNG P O BOX 10002 PMB 3012 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIXING DAI P O BOX 8212 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950	MASAARI TAKIZAWA REIKO TAKIZAWA 4-8-10-1122 TSUKISHIMA CHUO-KU TOKYO JAPAN 001040052	MITSUTAKA UEHARA 470-145 RENSHOUJI ODAWARA-SHI KANAGAWA, JAPAN 250-0865
JAIME L HAGOS P O BOX 10002 PMB 334 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOHN M VEGA P O BOX 502388 SAIPAN MP 96950	KEITH DIANE AQUINO EBUEN P O BOX 505460 SAIPAN MP 96950	LIZEL M BANDALES P O BOX 505401 SAIPAN MP 96950	MASAMI CHIKU 3-31-10-420 HATAGAYA SHIBUYA-KU TOKYO JAPAN 151-0072	MIONA USA (CNMI), LLC DBA MIONA USA P O BOX 504744 SAIPAN MP 96950
JAMAL DAVOOD SUMO GUTZWILL- ER-MALAKUT REGULA ANTONIA GUTZWILLER-MALAKUT SCHULGASSE 10 THERWILL SWITZERLAND	JOHN MARTIN F PALAD P O BOX 10002 PMB 355 SAIPAN MP 96950	KEYO OTANI 1-17-11-106 NAMIKI KANAZAWA-KU YOKOHAMA JAPAN 236-0005	LONG FEI LIMITED COMPANY PINK HOUSE PMB 726 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	MASAMI OGURA 2378-2 ISSHIKI HAYAMA-CHO MIURA-GUN KANAGAWA JAPAN	MITSUE SONE 3-13-9-503 KUWAZU HIGASHI-SUMIYOSHI OSAKA JAPAN 546-0041
JAMES MING CHAU WONG P O BOX 503268 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOHN MICHAEL L DIAZ SAIPAN MP 96950	KIBUM HONG P O BOX 10003 PMB 642 SAIPAN MP 96950	LORETA E LABITAG P O BOX 504734 SAIPAN MP 96950	MASIRUL H MOLLAH P O BOX 503211 SAIPAN MP 96950	MITSUTAKA UEHARA NAOKO UEHARA 470-145 RENSHOUJI ODAWARA-SHI KANAGAWA JAPAN 250-0865
JAMES W K RIPLEE P O BOX 501585 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOHN THOMAS STAMPFL P O BOX 10002 PMB 303 SAIPAN MP 96950	KIM HOONG HONG P O BOX 10003 PMB 280 SAIPAN MP 96950	LORGIL LIMEN TECSON PMB 793 P O BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	MD AWLAD HOSSAIN P O BOX 504611 SAIPAN MP 96950	MIYUKI OTSUKA 1-410 KUSUNOKI-SOU12-2 JIYUUGAOKA CHIKUSA-KU NAGOYA-SHI AICHI JAPAN 464-0044
JAMIE JEAN A AGBUYA P O BOX 504058 SAIPAN MP 96950	JOLIVALYNN DIVINE KANEMOTO P O BOX 500392 SAIPAN MP 96950	KOSA LLC KOSA TOUR PMB 613 P O BOX 10005 SAIPAN MP 96950	LOURDES KAIPAT P O BOX 502235 SAIPAN MP 96950	MD MONIRUL ISLAM DHALI P O BOX 504060 SAIPAN MP 96950	MOHAMED I JEMAL MOHAMED P O BOX 506175 SAIPAN MP 96950
JANA ANGELA A AGBUYA SAIPAN MP 96950	JONAH BRIAN B HAHN P O BOX 500653 SAIPAN MP 96950	KRAIG B CHURCH ELIZABETH A CHURCH PMB 1046 BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950	LOWENA M PARUNGAO P O BOX 504474 AS GONNO SAIPAN MP 96950	MD OMAR FAROQUE P O BOX 504188 SAIPAN MP 96950	
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McDonald's Saipan donates \$1,000 for LibDay fireworks

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McDonald's Saipan donated \$1,000 to the Office of the Mayor yesterday, to be used to buy fireworks for this year's Liberation Day festivities on Sunday, July 4, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and his special assistant, Henry Hofschneider, received the check donation at the McDonald's main office in Dandan.

Mable Glenn, executive assistant to the president for McDonald's of Guam and Saipan, said that McDonald's is more than happy to support the Office of the Mayor in its efforts to hold July 4 festivities this year, and commended the Office of the Mayor for always putting together meaningful



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Special assistant to the mayor Henry Hofschneider, third from left; Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, sixth from left; Mable Glenn, fourth from right, executive assistant to the president for McDonald's of Guam and Saipan; and McDonald's staff share a photo with the \$1,000 check given to the Office of the Mayor during a brief turnover at the McDonald's office conference room on Wednesday.

community events.

The Liberation Day festivities, usually one of the more grandiose occasions in the CNMI, is being "downscaled" this year to just a fireworks display—sans the parade and

monthlong Liberation Day festival—due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Apatang expressed hope that next year's July 4 celebration will be bigger, but if the COVID-19 pandemic is still an issue in

2022, Apatang will downscale festivities again.

"I don't want to jeopardize our community just for a one-day celebration. I prefer

that we hold on until everything is clear so that everybody can come out and enjoy with nobody getting sick," said Apatang.

The 15- to 20-minute fireworks display on Sunday at the Garapan Fishing Base will begin at 8pm. The Office of the Mayor asks that spectators stay in their cars, and will have Department of Public Safety personnel to maintain traffic and crowd control as well as to ensure compliance with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The Garapan Fishing Base pier itself will be closed to the public from July 2 to July 5 to allow a pyrotechnics team enough time to set up, ensure the fireworks will perform and be up to safety standards, and remove the pyrotechnics systems after July 4.

Finally, the Office of the Mayor asks boaters to not use Garapan Fishing Base's launching ramp from 8pm to 11pm on July 4.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

4.6-magnitude quake in Guam

At 9:23pm on June 28, 2021, a report of a 4.6-magnitude earthquake occurred 227 kilometers west-southwest of Merizo Village, Guam. Currently, no tsunami warnings or advisories are issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more informa-

tion, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000. (PR)

Box jellyfish advisory

Guam's Department of Agriculture's Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources Fisheries would like to remind people to be on the lookout for box jellyfish. Box jelly-

fish can be found on the beach or in the water, especially on reef flats. Box jellyfish are anticipated from July 2-5, 2021. Box jellyfish can sting even if washed on the beach and dead. If box jellyfish are seen, notify DAWR Fisheries at (671) 735-0289/91/94 or email fisheries@doag.guam.gov. (PR)

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Biden needs to leave Afghanistan the right way

As U.S. troops prepare to leave Afghanistan after nearly 20 years of combat, the situation on the ground could hardly be more disheartening. Taliban insurgents are already racking up battlefield gains; deprived of U.S. close air support and help maintaining its equipment, the Afghan military may well crumble against concerted onslaught. Al-Qaida maintains ties to the Taliban and could pose a renewed threat to the U.S. in as little as two years. That timeline could shrink if the Kabul government falls to the Taliban or the country devolves into civil war.

At their meeting in the White House on Friday, with the U.S. withdrawal well underway, President Joe Biden told Afghan President Ashraf Ghani that the U.S. would continue to support his country, promising \$266 million in humanitarian aid and \$3.3 billion in security assistance. Ghani expressed his thanks but can be under no illusions. Biden is leaving him severely weakened, even if not (for the moment) entirely stranded.

Washington's ability to influence events will only diminish once the formal withdrawal is complete. Starting now, Biden needs to be clear about how bad things could get—while doing his best to mitigate the inevitable damage.

Without Americans on the ground, spies will lose direct contact with informants. Special-operations forces will only be able to launch raids in rare circumstances. Any access to bases in neighboring countries is likely to be heavily restricted. Flying missions from the Persian Gulf instead will take longer and dramatically shorten the time aircraft can spend on target. Stationing an aircraft carrier offshore would diminish capabilities elsewhere.

The question is how, given such constraints, the U.S. can protect its own vital interests. To start, the mission needs to be defined carefully. As one top U.S. commander has already suggested, that likely means limiting targets to global threats such as al-Qaida and Islamic State. Even then, the U.S. won't be able to maintain constant pressure on such groups as it does now. The priorities should be to disrupt attacks on the U.S. and its allies, and to destroy bases and training camps where recruits might gather.

Achieving even those more modest goals will require new sources of intelligence, which need to be developed quickly. The U.S. should be investing now in increasing Afghan capabilities. It should also deepen relationships with local power brokers and ethnic leaders, who have their own reasons to oppose foreign extremists.

It might also be worth exploring a more formal intelligence-sharing arrangement with Afghanistan's neighbors in the region. Whatever their differences with the U.S., China, Russia, Iran and Pakistan all know that they are equally if not more vulnerable to attacks emanating from Afghanistan. Once U.S. troops are out of the region, they should be

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Centrism is an activity

I was motivated to write recently about an insight into the concept of political “centrism,” as it relates to politics in the Middle East, the United States or anywhere. One of the areas I specialize in has been creating frameworks for understanding disputes between rival camps, and it occurred to me that the old comparison/contrast charts of left, right and center are misleading. That’s because they purport, incorrectly, to be comparing and contrasting three different takes on political perspective.

The centrist, like the person trying to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, must be engaged in an activity, indeed a struggle. The purists are engaged in a struggle too, but they are not struggling to understand each other or what they should believe. They know what they believe and don’t really care that much what the other side thinks and feels. Their struggle may actually become a struggle to the death since they may ultimately engage in violence in an effort to resolve their conflict. Victory would be their objective, not compromise.

In American politics, the struggle may be one to advance your candidacy or a political agenda in a system that basically favors two parties and the loudest voices in each party. Or you may be on one of these two sides.

The ambitious centrist in American politics—or what I have called the “sentrist”—is engaged in a struggle of understanding and reconstruction. Thus it is misleading to contrast the centrists with the purists in terms of what they believe and hold to be important. That characterizes the life of the centrist in terms of who and what the opposing camps are, presenting a biased account of what it means to be in the middle.

The leading 20th century Western philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein maintained that philosophy was not a doctrine, as most philosophers in the West always took it to be, but an activity. Descartes, Hume and Kant, tradition says, have rival views of knowledge and reality—epistemology and metaphysics. They do have different methodologies as well as different doctrines, yet their philosophy is driven by the goal to arrive at general theories.

Wittgenstein held, especially in his later work, that philosophers had to practice their trade on a regular basis, analyzing the use of language as it concerns meaning, knowledge, value, existence—most everything. There are no general theories of

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knowledge or reality or ethics to be justified, no doctrines to be articulated with great clarity and certainty. We must, Wittgenstein insisted, overcome our “craving for generality.” Instead, we must accept the fact that there is only case-by-case analysis and interpretation based on our understanding of the many faceted ways that language is actually used in the real world.

In the context of political battles, the centrist is also always engaged in an activity, namely the activity of finding a middle ground, a common ground, that can hold the body politic together. The centrist must overcome the cognitive and emotional conflicts between the opposing sides to reach a state of justice and peace. This is not a static place. Rather, it is an evolving social situation which keeps the opposing tensions not only in check but working with each other in a dynamic way.

All political parties, politicians and political movements are always engaged in activities, as opposed to political philosophers who, Wittgenstein’s thoughts to one side, are engaged in thinking, research and writing (and many, admittedly, in the public activity of teaching). But political parties, politicians and political movements that are pitched to the right or the left are primarily focused on implementing their platforms (their theories, policies and ideas) through activities that support the platform.

The ambitious centrist, on the other hand, has the reverse emphasis. The ambitious centrist is primarily focused on arriving at a platform—concepts, policies, language—through activities designed to create compromise and synthesis. These activities involve listening, empathizing, talking, deliberating and negotiating. They must of course arrive at a point of view, a platform. But the ambitious centrists come at politics from a completely different direction from the purists.

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Derek Chauvin verdict not the justice we seek

In the nation's—if not the world's—most widely watched murder trial, Judge Peter Cahill sentenced former Minneapolis Police officer Derek Chauvin to 22.5 years in prison Friday, following his murder and manslaughter convictions two months ago in the death of George Floyd.

The problem with this high-profile police trial is that if you squint the right way, Cahill's sentencing will appear to some as “justice” and indication that “a change is gonna come.” But without police reform, Chauvin's sentence will not translate into a structural change in policing in the 18,000 police departments throughout the nation.

While some were hoping the court would have sent a stronger message of intolerance toward police use of excessive force, abuse of power and general apathy toward basic human rights, the courts cannot—and should not—be relied upon as the branch of government to bring about meaningful police reform through verdicts and sentencing.

As Cahill said during sentencing, “the job of a trial court judge is to apply the law to specific facts and to deal with individual cases.” In other words: The courts will not solve the problem with aggressive policing. Real police reform must come from our legislators, police unions and the good cops on the force.

Unfortunately, far too many of us seek relief through the courts because our legislators are punting their responsibilities to fix the problems with policing. Families of victims of excessive

use of force by police, like those of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, turned to the court system to get some relief, some sense of justice, some sense of accountability via civil cases. But even lawsuits that are won do not lead to real changes in policing in America and, legal settlements, for the most part, are paid with taxpayer dollars, not by the police or their departmental budgets.

Police have “qualified immunity” from contributing to settlements for claims made for behavior occurring while they are on the job. So, while thousands of lawsuits are filed against cops every year, data showed that in fiscal year 2019 alone police-related lawsuits cost taxpayers over \$300 million across the country. That's taxpayer money that could have gone to help fund education, opioid crisis, and public health crisis.

The joke on us is even funnier when you consider that, while taxpayers bear the brunt of paying to settle the cases of these officers' misconduct, these officers routinely remain on the force, often without any discipline. Consider, for example, Derek Chauvin's 19 years at the Minneapolis Police Department, during which as many as 18 complaints were filed against him, according to reports—higher than average.

Now, after his sentencing in the George Floyd murder, Chauvin faces federal prosecution on charges he violated the civil rights of a 14-year-old boy in 2017; he's accused of repeatedly hitting the child with a flashlight and pinning the teen to the ground for 17 minutes, causing the boy to pass out. Yet, with all

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these complaints and cases and settlements, Chauvin, like many other bad cops, remained on the force.

Fortunately, the glaring spotlight on police behavior, lit by the Chauvin case, is shining a bright light into the dark crevices of police brutality and unnecessary use of deadly force and a broken criminal justice system. A day after Chauvin's conviction on April 20th, the U.S. Department of Justice launched an investigation into the Minneapolis Police Department. Then, congressional Democrats began pushing for national police reform.

Chauvin's case may not be the celebratory win some want it to be, but it did spur movement. The ultimate win will come when local and national legislators and police departments themselves take actions that will lead to true reform. Then we can truly sing the songs of victory.

Can Democrats win on crime issues with murders rising? Biden thinks so

After years of declining crime rates, the United States is suddenly contending with an upsurge in shootings and murders—and the numbers are sobering.

In Chicago, homicides soared 56% last year, and they're up again this year. In New York, last year's increase was almost 45%; in Los Angeles, it was 36%. If the current pace holds up, 2021 could produce the highest murder rate in a quarter-century.

Experts haven't settled on an explanation for the wave of violence, but many say it's clear the COVID-19 pandemic was a factor: too many young men with no jobs, time on their hands and plenty of reasons to be angry.

Republicans are already turning the crime surge into a campaign message: It is the fault of Joe Biden and the soft-on-crime Democrats.

“Here's the Democrat plan for America: crime,” Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, chairman of the GOP's Senate campaign, says in a commercial over dramatic images of rioters smashing plate-glass windows. “The Democrats have embraced the idea of defunding the police, which is the dumbest idea ever.”

The claim that Democrats' criminal justice policies lead to more crime has been a favorite Republican campaign theme for generations.

But this time, at least, the facts don't support their charges.

For one thing, the upsurge in violent crime began under a Republican president, Donald Trump. And it came before the murder of George Floyd touched off a campaign by progressives to “defund the police.”

That defunding campaign, by the way, never really took hold.

Biden and other leading Democrats quickly repudiated the slogan, which sounded like a call to abolish police departments entirely. Polls showed that most voters, including most Democrats and Black voters, opposed that idea.

Some big-city mayors rashly announced plans to cut their police budgets, but many, including Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, reversed course after they realized the idea had little public support.

Last week, New York's primary election for mayor made it clearer than ever that “defund the police” is thoroughly dead. The leading candidate in the Democratic primary, Eric Adams, is a former police officer whose campaign focused on reducing crime in Black and Latino neighborhoods.

“We want to have justice and safety,” Adams said. Equally telling, one of his progressive rivals, Maya Wiley, claimed belatedly that she had never supported defunding the police, even though she had proposed cutting the NYPD budget by \$1 billion.

That doesn't mean Republicans will stop campaigning on law and order and accusing Democrats of being anti-police. And the tactics could work. Experts expect crime to spike this summer, if only because that happens almost every year. And when bad news occurs, voters tend to blame the president who's in office, whether he deserves it or not.

That's partly why Biden last week attempted to make his party's renunciation of defunding formal and irrevocable, announcing that he's seeking more funding, not less, for police departments.

“This is no time to turn our backs on law enforcement or our communities,” he said.

The president announced that state and local governments have his permission to use their coronavirus relief funds to hire police officers, pay police overtime and support community-based anti-violence groups.

Cities where crime is spiking will be allowed to hire more police officers than they had before the pandemic, he said.

Biden aides were careful to point out that those federal dollars would come from the \$350 billion in subsidies to state and local governments that Congress approved in March—over unanimous opposition from Republicans.

“He does not believe in defunding the police,” White House aide Cedric Richmond said. “He believes in investing in law enforcement.”

In addition, Biden said, he's asking Congress for even more anti-crime money: \$300 million in new community policing

starved of aid and development funds.

Finally, absent direct combat support, the U.S. should do what it can to sustain the Afghan military's ability to fight. The new funding commitment will help. U.S. and NATO forces should train Afghan troops outside the country, while pressing reforms to produce a leaner and more sustainable army. Most important, they should help the Afghan government pay for contractors to maintain its air force, which might otherwise be ineffective within months. Civil and humanitarian aid should also continue.

In all this, clarity is best. For weeks now, uncertainty about

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funds, to go directly to police departments, and a \$5 billion fund that will include money for community violence intervention, an alternative to traditional armed policing that is favored by reform advocates.

Biden even sought to turn his long history as a tough-on-crime moderate—an image that brought him under attack in the 2020 Democratic primary campaign—into an asset. “I've been at this a long time,” he pointed out.

His police funding proposals were paired with a list of measures to crack down on illegal gun sales and expand background checks for gun purchases, a nod to traditional liberals. But even those were cast as strategies to fight violent crime.

In effect, Biden is taking advantage of the fact that the pandemic has made it possible to seek more federal spending than usual from Congress to combine proposals for traditional police funding with police reforms—and to dare Republicans to oppose them.

Which, to nobody's surprise, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky promptly did, attacking Biden for “making gun ownership in America more burdensome than ever” and “federalizing and defunding the police.”

But the senator missed the point. Biden has nudged his party back to where most of the public is. Both parties want to spend more on policing; only one of them stands for police reform and gun control as well.

U.S. plans has been accelerating the spread of fears and doubts throughout Afghanistan's government, military and society. Further confusion will only heighten the risk of swift Taliban victories, and collapsing morale could cause a devastating brain drain.

One more thing. The Biden administration needs to move immediately to evacuate Afghans who face threats after working with the U.S. military. Leaving Afghanistan to its fate already represents a betrayal of sorts. Abandoning its most loyal allies there would leave a moral stain the U.S. might never eradicate.

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more willing to support targeted counterterrorism efforts.

Those neighbors can also do more to prevent a collapse in Afghanistan that would allow extremist groups to thrive—not to mention push refugees, drugs and terrorists across their borders. The U.S. should press them to use their influence with their Afghan proxies, including the Taliban, to revive the stalled intra-Afghan peace process. All should make clear that any government imposed by force will suffer international isolation and be





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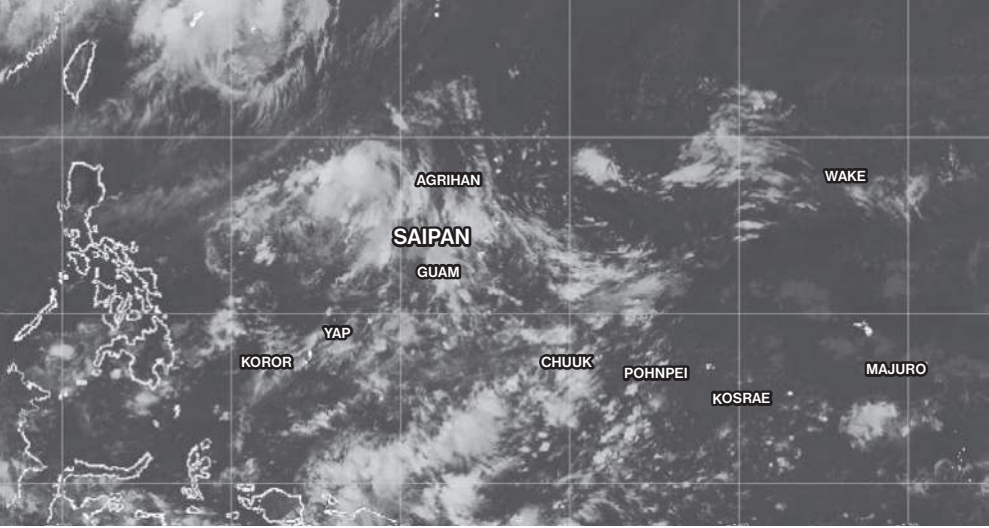
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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. east winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.	
86°	77°	87°	78°	87°	78°	87°	78°	87°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 7:41 AM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Unsettled weather continues across the region as a series of westward-moving disturbances transit the Marianas. This morning's wave of showers and thunderstorms is beginning to push off to the west, but additional showers and thunderstorms are encroaching from the east. Buoys and altimetry data show seas between 3 and 5 feet across the region.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:42 AM	-
Friday	12:11 AM	12:30 PM	-
Saturday	12:46 AM	1:17 PM	-
Sunday	1:21 AM	2:04 PM	-
Monday	1:58 AM	2:52 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Showers	61° / 50°	
Beijing	Sunny	95° / 75°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86° / 82°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	86° / 74°	
London	Mostly Sunny	82° / 61°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	90° / 72°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 43°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°	
New York	Thunderstorms	84° / 72°	
Osaka	Rain	82° / 75°	
Paris	Sunny	88° / 64°	
Busan	Thunderstorms	81° / 73°	
Rome	Sunny	97° / 70°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	90° / 73°	
San Francisco	Sunny	64° / 51°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	81° / 73°	
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	84° / 73°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	86° / 74°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
1:26 AM	High Tide	2.03	
7:43 AM	Low Tide	1.13	
12:18 PM	High Tide	1.59	
7:01 PM	Low Tide	0.53	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
UA117/183	6:30am	9:10pm	3, 7 via Guam	MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				UA184	9:50pm	4:05am+1	5
UA183	6:55pm	8:50pm	5	UA184	10:25pm	4:20am+1	1, 3
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3	LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily	2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily	2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

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Guam-based 36 CRG sends military training team to Palau

By **AUBREE OWENS**
36TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 36th Contingency Response Group assigned to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam deployed a Mobile Training Team contingent to the Republic of Palau last June 10, 2021.

While there, subject matter experts are teaching members from the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Institution in Palau how to properly utilize equipment they received from the Department of Defense.

"The Mobile Training Team is a dynamic composition of air advisors, instructors from various Air Force specialties, and a security cooperation's officer," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Darryl Brown, 36th Contingency Response Support Squadron training and readiness air adviser section lead. "As air [advisers], our overarching mission is building partnership capacity of our foreign allies."

This mission, led by the 36th CRSS, was the first training opportunity using 333 Funding Authority equipment that



U.S. Air Force members from the 36th Contingency Response Squadron enter Palau National Airport after arriving on island for a key leader engagement, June 23, 2021.

U.S. AIR FORCE/SENIOR AIRMAN
AUBREE OWENS

tor of operations. "So the next time we go to Palau for an exercise, we will be able to integrate with the personnel who were trained through this MTT in order to better execute our mission."

Along with other Pacific Is-

lands, Palau was made a part of the United States-governed Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1947. The United States and Palau collaborate on a broad range of issues, including strengthening regional security, promoting sustainable development, addressing climate change, protecting fisheries and the environment.

On June 23, the commander of the 36th CRG, Col. R Schmidt, traveled to Palau with a small team to conduct a key leader engagement with

the ambassador, national security office coordinator, two governors, and go on a walk-through of some of the training sites that his members were at.

"The primary objective of the visit was to build upon our already established partnerships with the government of Palau," said Schmidt. "The Republic of Palau and Pacific Islands are an essential part of a free and open Indo-Pacific region, and we are committed to Pacific Islands' security and prosperity."

has occurred in the Pacific Air Forces. The use of 333 funded equipment allows the Secretary of Defense to provide equipment, services, and training to national security forces of one or more foreign countries for the purpose of building capacity to counter illicit drug trafficking, increasing military intelligence and strengthen maritime and border security.

"The equipment they've received is not random, each asset has a specific function for the security of the island and missions conducted there," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Craig Gullede, 36th CRSS direc-

Tinian Municipal Council sees need to sustain youth programs

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TINIAN—While some youth programs like the Tinian Chapter of the Tasi to Table Inc, which aims to equip its members with fishing skills and knowledge, are quite expensive, the Tinian Municipal Council believes it is necessary to support and sustain these programs as they are investments in the island's children.

Tinian Municipal Council executive director Eric Reyes said in an interview after the Tinian chapter's rod and reel presentation last Saturday that supporting youth programs like Tasi to Table Inc. is financially "on the high-end level compared to other programs" but he, TMC secretary Juanita Masga Mendiola, and other council members believe that the benefits of funding and maintaining TTT's presence on Tinian outweighs the costs. Reyes commended TTT for not only exposing Tinian's youth to fishing and fishing derbies, but for also providing the students with the necessary knowledge and resources to get fishing events of their own going on Tinian.

"The program is good in and of itself as a result of it being a youth program running from the high school level and out to the community. ...It's not just a normal [fishing] derby; they actually teach

the kids how to manage and run an entire event, and that's something new. ...It is a beautiful program from top to bottom," said Reyes.

Mendiola agrees, saying, "There is no [amount of money that's too] big to invest in the children." According to her, the working number for the costs of supporting TTT's presence on Tinian, as well as covering the possible travel costs of advisers, chaperones, and students, comes out to between \$6,000 and \$12,000 per event.

"When you talk about investing in children, [increasing] their knowledge about themselves, and pursuing life in whatever capacity, it's a [worthwhile] investment. We're going to do everything we can to make sure that this program continues. ...It's a challenge, but I think with the kids, parents, and community coming together we can pull this off," said Mendiola. Tasi to Table is an organization that exposes youth to the joys of fishing while also providing high school students the opportunity to earn elective credits that go toward graduation. Tasi to Table will begin eight-month programs on Tinian and Rota next school year, and the organization's leadership has expressed interest in holding student fishing derbies for its Tinian and Rota students at their respective islands in the future.



LGBTQ+ ALLIES

Members of Kagman High School's Ayuyu Battalion pose for a picture at the American Memorial Park last Friday after participating in the "Strides for Pride." More than 200 people took part in last Friday's celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. KHS's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps students led the Pride parade with LGBTQ+-related chants.

JOSHUA SANTOS



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The following Checking Accounts have been inactive with BankPacific for at least six months. The account owner should immediately contact the BankPacific Saipan Branch, Garapan at (670) 233-4752. The funds of each inactive account will be transferred to the Commonwealth Treasurer during the month of October 2021 (pursuant to Public Law 18-69). After such transfer, all inquiries pertaining to the account should be directed to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

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Business

LARGEST ORDER IN UNITED AIRLINES' HISTORY

United adds 270 Boeing and Airbus aircraft to its fleet

United Airlines announced yesterday the purchase of 270 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft—the largest combined order in the airline’s history and the biggest by an individual carrier in the last decade—as part of its “United Next” initiative.

“United Next” will have a transformational effect on the customer experience and is expected to increase the total number of available seats per domestic departure by almost 30%, significantly lower carbon emissions per seat and create tens of thousands of quality, unionized jobs by

» **Biggest order by a single carrier in a decade**

2026, all efforts that will have a positive effect on the U.S. economy.

When combined with the current order book, United expects to introduce more than 500 new, narrow-body aircraft: 40 in 2022, 138 in 2023 and as many as 350 in 2024 and beyond. That means in 2023 alone, United’s fleet will, on average, add about

one new narrow-body aircraft every three days.

United’s new aircraft order—50 737 MAX 8s, 150 737 MAX 10s and 70 A321neos—will come with a new signature interior that includes seat-back entertainment in every seat, larger overhead bins for every passenger’s carry-on bag and the industry’s fastest available in-flight WiFi, as well as a bright look-and-feel with LED lighting. The airline expects to fly the first 737 MAX 8 with the signature interior this summer and to begin flying the 737 MAX

10 and the Airbus A321neo in early 2023.

United intends to upgrade 100% of its mainline, narrow-body fleet to these standards by 2025, a retrofit project that, when combined with the number of new aircraft joining the fleet, means United will deliver its state-of-the-art inflight experience to tens of millions of customers at an unprecedented pace.

This order will also significantly boost United’s total number of mainline daily departures and available seats across the airline’s North American network, as well as the number of premium seats, both United First and Economy Plus. Specifically, United expects it will have on average 53 premium seats per North American departure by 2026, an increase of about 75% over 2019, and more than any competitor in North America.

“Our United Next vision will revolutionize the experience of flying United as we accelerate our business to meet a resurgence in air travel,” said United CEO Scott Kirby. “By adding and upgrading this many aircraft so quickly with our new signature interiors, we’ll combine friendly, helpful service with the best expe-



United Airlines announced yesterday the purchase of 270 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

United

rience in the sky, all across our premier global network. At the same time, this move underscores the critical role United plays in fueling the broader U.S. economy—we expect the addition of these new aircraft will have a significant economic impact on the communities we serve in terms of job creation, traveler spending and commerce.”

United expects to create approximately 25,000 well-paying, unionized jobs at the airline as a result of adding these new aircraft and, based on a study from the Federal Aviation Administration, the airline expects to drive more than \$30 billion in traveler spending when flying United

and contribute an estimated \$50 billion annually toward the U.S. economy by 2026.

Plus, adding these new 737 MAX and Airbus A321neo aircraft means United will replace older, smaller mainline jets and at least 200 single-class regional jets with larger aircraft, which the airline expects will lead to significant sustainability benefits compared to older planes: an expected 11% overall improvement in fuel efficiency and an expected 17-20% lower carbon emission per seat compared to older planes. **(PR)**

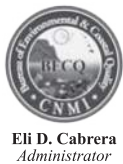
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Request for Proposal for Hardscaping

Karidat Social Services is soliciting competitive sealed proposals to perform hardscaping repairs at the Sister Remedios Community Center in Chalan Kanoa. The proposal must be submitted to Karidat's office at Sister Remedios Community Center, 3119 Chalan Kanoa Street, Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan or mailed to Karidat Social Services; P.O. Box 501058, Saipan, MP 96950 by July 23, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

- I. Contents of Proposal:** The following information must be included in the Hardscaping Proposal:
- A. Title Page Containing
 - 1. RFP Subject
 - 2. Name of the Firm
 - 3. Local Address
 - 4. Telephone Number(s)
 - 5. Email address
 - 6. Name of contact person
 - 7. Submission date
- II. Transmittal Letter:**
- A. A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an affirmative statement to perform work within the time period stipulated.
 - B. State all inclusive fees for which the hardscaping will be performed.
- III. Firm Profile:**
- Provide a brief description of you firm's personnel education background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and listing of clients serviced.
- IV. Proposal Evaluation Criteria: The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of the following hardscaping criteria.**
- Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating understanding of the work to be performed.
- 1. Hardscaping coverage
 - A. Remove and replace 725 LF of Chain Link Fence 5 FT high with 2 FT Concrete block Retaining wall, fence posts are 2.5 IN DIA 10.5 FT centers with 2.5 IN DIA contiguous top rails.
 - B. Remove and replace 800 LF of Chain Link Fencing, Fence is 6 FT high with 2 FT concrete block retaining wall, fence posts are 2.5 IN DIA on 10.5 FT centers with 2.5 IN DIA contiguous top rails.
 - C. Remove and replace Flag Pole, 1 each Flag Pole, 22.5 LF.
 - D. Replace 1 each Wooden Playground equipment with a rock wall, tube slide, regular slide and tower.
- Project Notes: The fencing is perimeter fencing for the facility, not a stand-alone fence. The GPS per the SIR for the perimeter fence is: LAT: 15.1482050, LONG: 145.7031512.
- 2. Overall estimates as well as the time estimates for each major section of the work to be performed.
 - B. Qualifications and experience of the firm
 - 1. Size and structure of the firm
 - 2. Ability to maintain continuity of project
 - 3. Experience of the firm
 - C. Qualification and experience of staff to be assigned: education, position in the firm, number of years, and types of experience will be considered
 - 1. Supervision to be exercised over the construction team
 - D. Contractor will be responsible for acquiring all required permits such as but not limited to: Historic Preservation and Zoning Permits.
- V. Hardscaping Administration Matters:**
- A. Hardscaping Planning meetings, interim conferences and exit conference may be attended by the following officials
 - 1. Karidat's Board of Directors, the Executive Director and the Administrative Officer, FEMA Representatives, CNMI Public Assistance Office Representatives.
 - B. Karidat will issue the Contract Award on July 30, 2021.
 - C. The hardscaping field work must be completed in 30 days of notice to proceed.
- VI. Confidentiality of Hardscaping Proposals:** All hardscaping proposals will be reviewed in a confidential manner. Proposals must be labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and transmitted to the Executive Director, Karidat Social Services, P.O. Box 501058, Saipan, MP 96950. It may also be hand delivered to Karidat's Office located at the Sister Remedios Community Center, 3119 Chalan Kanoa Street, Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ROUTE 302 (NAFTAN RD.) AND ROUTE 304 (FLAME TREE RD.) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COASTAL PERMIT NO. SMS-2021-033

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed road improvements of Route 302 and Route 304 on the southeastern coast of Saipan.

The Department of Public Works is proposing to reconstruct the existing roadway of Route 302 (Naftan Road) and Route 304 (Flame Tree Road) by revitalizing the highway for motorists and tourists traveling to popular beaches and hiking locations including safer traffic routes for nearby residents.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 5:00 PM**, at the **BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room** on Middle Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan. Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97781240647> or join via telephone by calling the DCRM Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance. Zoom Meeting access code may change. Please call DCRM for an update.

Written comments can be submitted by mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, sent by fax to 664-8315, or emailed to permitting@dcrm.gov.mp. The project files are open for the public and can be reviewed by scheduling an appointment with DCRM. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1, if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Route 302 and Route 304 Improvement Project.

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Nation

Condo board boss warned of damage before collapse



Search and rescue teams look for survivors at the Champlain Towers South residential condo, Tuesday, June 29, 2021, in Surfside, Fla. AP

By CURT ANDERSON and
BERNARD CONDON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weeks before a Florida condo building collapsed, the president of its board wrote that structural problems identified in a 2018 inspection had “gotten significantly worse” and owners needed to pay a hefty price to get them fixed.

The April 9 “Dear Neighbors” letter from Champlain Towers South Condominium president Jean Wodnicki hinted at an ongoing debate over the repairs and a reluctance by some condo owners to pay for major work that would cost at least \$15.5 million.

“A lot of this work could have been done or planned for in years gone by. But this is where we are now,” she wrote in the letter, which was confirmed to The Associated Press by a spokesman for the condo board.

Wodnicki noted costs had increased since an October 2018 report by engineering firm Morabito Consultants first identified key issues with weakening concrete, and she predicted they would only grow more if

put off any longer.

“Indeed the observable damage such as in the garage has gotten significantly worse since the initial inspection,” Wodnicki wrote. “The concrete deterioration is accelerating.”

“It is impossible to know the extent of the damage to the underlying rebar until the concrete is opened up. Oftentimes the damage is more extensive than can be determined by inspection of the surface,” she wrote.

She added, “I acknowledge that we are talking about a huge project and a very large assessment. The longer we wait, the higher the bids will be.”

Wodnicki did not immedi-

ately respond to phone, email and text messages seeking comment about the letter, which was first reported by USA Today and The Wall Street Journal.

Just over two months later and with bids for the work still pending, the 12-story Champlain Towers South building in Surfside came tumbling down early last Thursday. While the structural problems from the 2018 inspection have come under intense scrutiny, no definitive cause has been identified for the collapse that has left at least 11 people confirmed dead and more than 150 unaccounted for.

ASIAN BRIEFS

North Korea's Kim berates officials for 'grave' virus lapse

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un berated senior ruling party and government officials for their failures in the fight against the coronavirus, which created a “huge crisis” for the country, state media reported. The alleged “grave incident” in North Korea’s pandemic fight was not specified in the report Wednesday from the North’s official Korean Central News Agency. North Korea has claimed to have had no cases of coronavirus infections throughout the pandemic, despite testing thousands of people and sharing a porous border with its ally and economic lifeline China, where the first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in late 2019. KCNA said Kim made the comments during a Politburo meeting of the ruling Workers’ Party that he called to discuss the anti-virus failures. It said Kim criticized senior officials for supposed incompetence, irresponsibility and passiveness in planning and executing anti-virus measures amid a lengthening pandemic.

Top US general says security in Afghanistan deteriorating

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The U.S.’s top general in Afghanistan on Tuesday gave a sobering assessment of the country’s deteriorating security situation as America winds down its so-called “forever war.” Gen. Austin S. Miller said the rapid loss of districts around

the country to the Taliban—several with significant strategic value—is worrisome. He also cautioned that the militias deployed to help the beleaguered national security forces could lead the country into civil war. Miller told a small group of reporters in the Afghan capital that for now he has the weapons and the capability to aid Afghanistan’s National Defense and Security Forces. “What I don’t want to do is speculate what that (support) looks like in the future,” he said. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said in meetings at the White House last week with President Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah—the Afghan official tasked with making peace with the Taliban—President Joe Biden said the U.S. was committed to humanitarian and security assistance to Afghanistan.

Myanmar court denies bid by Suu Kyi to disqualify testimony

BANGKOK (AP)—Myanmar’s ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi suffered a legal setback Tuesday when a judge denied her lawyers’ motion to disqualify prosecution testimony against her on a sedition charge, her defense team said. The court, however, said it would allow the issue to be referred to the High Court and would suspend testimony until a ruling is issued. Ousted President Win Myint and the former mayor of Naypyitaw, Myo Aung, her close political allies, are co-defendants in the charge. The court will continue to hear prosecution testimony on other charges Suu Kyi faces: that she illegally

imported walkie-talkies for her bodyguards’ use and used those radios without a license, and violated COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on two occasions during the 2020 election campaign. Suu Kyi went on trial on June 14 in a closed court in Naypyitaw, the capital. The ruling military junta is widely seen as using the charges to discredit her and consolidate its control. Sessions are being held weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Ex-mayor in Busan, S. Korea, jailed 3 years for sex abuse

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The former mayor of South Korea’s second-largest city was jailed Tuesday on a three-year sentence for sexually abusing two city employees during his tenure. The lawyers of Oh Keodon didn’t immediately return calls and text messages asking whether they plan to appeal. Busan’s district court also ordered Oh to receive counseling and banned him from jobs at child welfare organizations and disability facilities for five years following the end of his jail term. Oh, who was seen as a key ally of Busan-raised President Moon Jae-in, stepped down as the city’s mayor in April 2020 after admitting he had “unnecessary physical contact” with a female public servant who accused him of groping her in his office. The unidentified woman said Oh’s behavior caused her post traumatic stress disorder, according to her lawyers. Oh was later separately accused of making unwanted sexual contact with another female city employee in 2018.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF:) CIVIL ACTION
THE ESTATE OF) No. 21-0201 CV
SIN HO NAM,) **NOTICE OF PETITION**
DECEASED.) **FOR LETTERS OF**
) **ADMINISTRATION AND**
) **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTATES

Notice is hereby given, that a Petition for Letters of Administration has been filed in the above-titled action seeking the appointment of Jeremiah Wolfe as the Administrator of the Estate of Sin Ho Nam.

A hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration will be conducted by the Court on the 29th day of July, 2021 at 10:00am, in Courtroom 220 before Judge N. Camacho, CNMI Superior Court.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why an order from the Court appointing Jeremiah Wolfe as Administrator of the Estate of Sin Ho Nam should not be issued.

Further notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rules 21 and 11 of the Commonwealth Rules of Probate, to all creditors of Sin Ho Nam or the Estate of Sin Ho Nam that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice. Any claims not presented within such time shall be forever barred. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Joe W. McDoulett, counsel for Petitioner, at the above indicated address. Reference is hereby made to the Petition for Letters of Administration for further particulars.

Date: June 30, 2021
/s/ Judge Joseph Norita Camacho
Clerk of Court

DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: RFP21-JUDICIARY-101

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 16, 2021 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

“REPAIR OF DAMAGE AND/OR DETERIORATED CONCRETE WALL AND TRIMS FOR THE GUMA’ HUSTISIA. A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

****MUST USE A FACE MASK BEFORE ENTERING THE OFFICE****

A **MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** IS SCHEDULED FOR **09:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, JUNE 24, 2021** AT THE GUMA’ HUSTISIA ASSEMBLY MALL.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB SHALL BE DIRECTED TO **MR. GERALD WEAVER, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT**, VIA EMAIL TO gerald.weaver@nmijudiciary.com ON OR BEFORE THE **CLOSE OF BUSINESS, July 01, 2021**. ALL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL BIDDERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ DAVID DLG. ATALIG
SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/s/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, PS

/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
CHIEF OF JUSTICE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-21-2028

For: Marianas Visitors Authority Purchase, Design, Develop, Test and Installation of Research System

Submission /Closing Date: **August 13, 2021**

Time: **3:00 p.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to:

Marianas Visitors Authority
Attn: Procurement Office
San Jose Professional Building
Beach Rd., San Jose
P.O. Box 500861
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the Scope of Work on or after **June 09, 2021** at the **Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Proposals submitted from individuals outside the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or certified Courier mail service on or before **August 13, 2021** and must be received within seven (7) working days of that date. Proposers from outside the CNMI must notify the MVA Deputy Managing Director & Research Manager, Judy C. Torres in writing of their intent to submit in order to receive the additional seven (7) days for the receipt of the actual Proposal Documents. This notice of intent may be submitted by any mode of written communication including facsimile to +1-670-664-3237 or emailed to jtorres@mymarianas.com and tboyer@mymarianas.com and must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time on **July 30, 2021**.

/s/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo
Managing Director, MVA

World

Sweltering heat wave linked to sudden deaths in Canada

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—A sweltering heat wave that has settled over western Canada for several days is believed to be a contributing factor in dozens of sudden-death calls received by police in the Vancouver area, authorities said Tuesday.

Cpl. Mike Kalanj of Burnaby Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the detachment responded to 25 sudden-death calls in a 24-hour period starting Monday. The deaths are still under investigation and many of the deceased were seniors, he said.

Temperatures in the Vancouver area reached just un-

der 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) Monday, but the humidity made it feel close to 104 degrees (40 Celsius) in areas that aren't near water, Environment Canada said.

The record-breaking heat wave could ease over parts of British Columbia, Yukon and the Northwest Territories by Wednesday, but any reprieve for the Prairie provinces is further off.

In Vancouver, the police department said it had re-deployed dozens of officers and asked the public to call 911 only for emergencies because heat-related deaths had depleted front-line resources and delayed response times.

"Vancouver has never experienced heat like this, and sadly dozens of people are dying because of it," Sgt. Steve Addison said in a news release. "Our officers are stretched thin, but we're still doing everything we can to keep people safe."

As of mid-afternoon Tuesday, he said, police had responded to more than 65 sudden deaths since the heat wave began Friday.

"The vast majority of these cases are related to the heat," Addison said, adding that on a typical day, Vancouver police respond to between three and four sudden-death calls.



FRANCE MAKES IVF LEGAL

In this file photo dated Saturday, June 26, 2021, crowds are seen at the annual Gay Pride march in Paris, France. France's lower house of parliament adopted a law Tuesday that will allow single women and lesbians access to medically assisted reproduction for the first time. The wide-ranging bioethics law, presented by French President Emmanuel Macron's government, was approved by the National Assembly in a 326-115 vote. The measure had been much awaited by LGBT rights groups, who had pushed for the reproduction measure since France legalized same-sex marriage in 2013.

AP

WORLD BRIEFS

Russian cargo ship lifts off for International Space Station

MOSCOW (AP) — An uncrewed Russian cargo ship blasted off Wednesday on a mission to deliver supplies to the International Space Station. The Progress MS-17 lifted off atop a Soyuz rocket from the Russian space complex in Baikonur, Kazakhstan, at 4:27 a.m. (23:27 GMT Tuesday). It's scheduled to dock at the station two days later, delivering food, fuel, equipment and supplies for its seven residents. The orbiting outpost is currently operated by NASA astronauts Mark Vande Hei, Shane Kimbrough and Me-

gan McArthur; Russians Oleg Novitsky and Pyotr Dubrov; Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Akihiko Hoshide; and European Space Agency astronaut Thomas Pesquet.

Brazil's Bolsonaro under fire after vaccine deal allegations

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)—Accusations that Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro turned a blind eye to possible corruption in a deal to purchase coronavirus vaccines have heightened threats to his presidency, including a move to recommend slapping him with a criminal charge. The claims have added impetus

to the opposition's impeachment drive and left the Brazilian leader's allies in Congress evaluating the costs of their support. Bolsonaro, who has been targeted by nationwide street protests in recent weeks, has called the Senate committee investigating the government's COVID-19 response a "national shame" aimed at undermining his administration. For two months, the nationally televised hearings have largely focused on why his Health Ministry ignored opportunities to buy vaccines while Bolsonaro relentlessly pushed hydroxychloroquine, the malaria drug that rigorous studies have shown to be ineffective in treating COVID-19.

Environment

BABAUTA TO FEDS:

'Truly engage with us'



House Natural Resources committee chair Rep. Sheila Babauta.
PHOTO: SCREENCAPTURED FROM THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY FOUNDATION

By IVA MAURIN
CORRESPONDENT

The federal government must increase its commitment and support to protecting Earth's waters, and the CNMI must have a seat at the table when issues affecting its people are being discussed.

Rep. Sheila Babauta, who chairs the CNMI Legislature's House Natural Resources committee, raised these concerns at the recently concluded Capitol Hill Ocean Week 2021, convened by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, and participated in by leaders from around the globe on sustaining the health of the world's oceans.

Babauta shared the complex environmental issues affecting the CNMI, which ranges from microplastics that wash up on its shores, to the growing military impact, all of which threaten the health of the islands' natural resources.

Babauta spotlighted the need for the federal government to ramp up its commitment and support to protecting the CNMI waters, stressing how the local community will not stop, and is committed to the implementation of solutions with all local, regional, national, and international partners to face the complex climate crisis.

"We are a territory. We are a commonwealth in political union with the United States, but it's becoming increasingly clear that big decisions are being made without our free, prior, and informed consent. ... We must have a seat at the table when big issues that affect us are being discussed," she said.

She also called for an increase in federal programs to "match the size of the ocean," and for increased hiring at the local level to help build local capacity and ensure that the community's collective voice is represented.

'We are an afterthought'

Babauta also pointed out during the discussion that in cases of cross-sector coordination, especially affecting the CNMI's natural resources, "consultations with" does not equal "consent."

This was in reference to a question asked by Pacific Basin Development Council executive director Esther Kia'aina as to how the CNMI's territorial status affect its ability to address climate change and natural resources management.

Babauta said that, while the island is in a political union with the United States, and where locals are U.S. citizens, when it comes to development of policies and federal regulations, the CNMI is an afterthought.

"We are an afterthought. That makes the implementation and expected outcome often difficult to realize for our community and our governments, impacting accessibility, development, and economic growth, ultimately affecting our health and our quality of life," she said.

She added that the island's lack of representation in the U.S. Congress in terms of the inability to vote on Capitol Hill, and the locals' inability to vote for the U.S. President, despite being citizens, continue to leave the CNMI extremely vulnerable.

The legislator also said that while funding from the federal government, in particular, the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, will assist the people of the CNMI, it "further blurs the boundaries" and the relationship between the two governments, and one that "simply serves as a short-term solution—a band-aid for climate change."

"What good is all that money, all that funding, when we have major, major threats at our doorstep, threatening our natural resources our oceans, the health of our community?"

she asked.

Babauta, a staunch natural resources advocate, has been working with environmental activists on the island to oppose any increase in destructive military trainings in the CNMI, particularly its Northern Islands.

"The Department of Defense has definitely made it very clear that they have consulted with us. However, 'in consultation with' does not equal 'consent.' And so having a voice at the table is what matters, and is what we really, really need when it comes to these big issues that are affecting us here in the Mariana Islands," she said.

'Truly engage with us'

"Although we have had the opportunity to engage with the U.S. federal government through 902 consultations at intimate levels to report our concerns and communicate our grievances, it's important for us to discuss what happens after those discussions," Babauta said.

Section 902 of the Covenant provides that both the U.S. and the CNMI governments will consult regularly on all matters affecting the relationship between them, and that at the request of either government, special representatives will be designated from both parties "to meet and to consider in good faith such issues affecting the relationship," and where after, a report, and recommendations are to be made. These meetings and discussions are known as the 902 consultations.

"A report is generated, it is shared, it is read, then what? The federal departments continue to push through with their agenda and their mission, leaving our concerns and grievances in the water. At least that's how we feel," Babauta said. "I believe that the federal government must remember that free, prior and informed consent is the foundation to self-determination and self-governance—language that is in our agreements with the United States."

The legislator also appealed to the federal government to "truly engage" with the CNMI community when policies, regulations, and plans are being discussed. "Translate these plans into our languages, go into our villages, knock on doors, talk to the leaders at the table, don't host gatherings at a hotel and call that a consultation and consent. Truly make the effort to hear the voices of our community."

"There's so much that we can learn from our indigenous brothers and sisters in the Pacific. This blue continent has a lot to offer the world, solutions to the climate complexities, the climate issues, toward climate justice for all of us," she added.

Life & Style

Chris Pratt rises to a blockbuster challenge: Originality

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP FILM WRITER

Chris Pratt may be a loyal star of two of the biggest movie franchises of the moment, between Marvel and “Jurassic World,” but even he craves something different sometimes.

“I heard the grumblings that people were getting tired of those things,” said Pratt in a recent interview. “I felt inclined to try to do something original.”

That’s when Zach Dean’s script for what would become “The Tomorrow War,” which debuts on Amazon Prime Video on Friday, ended up in his hands. It wasn’t based on a toy or a comic book or a theme park ride. There was no “brand” attached to it or even a bestseller sticker.

Then titled “Ghost Draft,” it was a dark and emotional sci-fi action epic about a generation of people who get drafted to go 30 years in the future to fight a losing war against aliens. And the production company Skydance was already on board.

But they needed a name, and Pratt has found himself in a rare position in Hollywood where his involvement alone can get a movie off the ground. So, he attached himself to star as Dan Forester, a scientist and father of a young daughter, who gets drafted for the dangerous mission. Pratt also decided he’d serve as an executive producer for the first time, too, meaning he got to be involved in casting, script notes and some creative decisions.



This image released by Amazon shows Chris Pratt, from second left, Edwin Hodge and Sam Richardson in a scene from “The Tomorrow War.”

And there was a problem they needed to deal with immediately: “Ghost Draft” was way too dark.

“It was ‘Children of Men’ and then some,” said director Chris McKay.

“It made ‘Children of Men’ look like a comedy,” Pratt added.

If they were going to get more than \$20 million to make it and feasibly attract the whole family to a theater, they’d need to lighten it up a little: Less hopeless dystopia, more “Independence Day.”

It’s part of the reason “Robot Chicken” alum McKay, who also directed “The LEGO Batman Movie,” cast people like “Veep’s” Sam Richardson, “Mr. Show’s” Mary Lynn Rajskub and The Birthday Boys’ Mike Mitchell in sup-

porting roles. They are, he said, “comedy generators.”

“I like movies like ‘Aliens’ where you’ve got suspense, you’ve got action, but you’ve also got people who are having real human reactions to things and there’s situational or character-based humor,” McKay said.

And there’s the dramatic element of the family stakes with an estranged father (J.K. Simmons) and a loving family (Betty Gilpin and Ryan Kiera Armstrong) he’s leaving behind unwillingly. For McKay, who is making his live-action directorial debut, the opportunity to blend scope and heart was a dream.

“I was a genre kid. I grew up on John Carpenter, Steven Spielberg, Joe Dante, George

Miller, Kathryn Bigelow, James Cameron. Those are the movies that made me want to be a filmmaker,” he said. “(This) has it has a scale of the kinds of things that I loved as a kid.”

And he and Pratt got to go all-out, having their “‘Star Wars’ in Tunisia” moment, shooting on location on oil rigs and glaciers instead of primarily on studio lots in front of green screens. It didn’t make things any easier on them: In Iceland, they got the distinction of being the first people ever to put a crane on one of the glaciers, only feet away from a particularly harrowing cliff’s edge with a 3,000 foot drop. But they hope it gives the film a different feel than something entirely generated on the computer.

If it seems a little epic for a streaming service, it’s because it is (or at least an outlier). “The Tomorrow War” was, up until the postproduction phase, going to be a big theatrical release from Paramount Pictures. But like many studio films during the pandemic, it was sold to Amazon (this one in a deal worth a reported \$200 million). McKay said great pains were taken to ensure that the sound mix and coloring would feel as close to a theatrical release as

possible. He likes that Amazon subscribers all over the world will have immediate access to it Friday.

Pratt is back in Los Angeles with his wife, Katherine Schwarzenegger, and 10-month-old daughter after spending much of last year shooting “Jurassic World: Dominion” in the U.K. And he’s proud of “The Tomorrow War” and being in a position to help films that he wants to see get made.

Greek construction worker arrested for Picasso work theft

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A painting donated to Greece by Pablo Picasso will go back on display at the newly renovated National Gallery in Athens following its recovery more than nine years after it was stolen and the arrest of a 49-year-old construction worker as a suspect.

Authorities said Tuesday that Picasso’s “Woman’s Head” and a work by the Dutch master Piet Mondrian, “Stammer Mill with Summer House,” were stolen in January 2012 from the National Gallery in Athens.

They were recovered, wrapped in plastic sheets and hidden in a dry river bed outside Athens after the suspect was detained for questioning.

The Picasso work of a female in cubist style was donated to Greece in 1949 with a dedication “in homage to the Greek people” for their resis-

tance against the German-led occupation in World War II.

“This painting is of special importance and emotional value as the great painter personally dedicated it to the Greek people for their struggle against fascist and Nazi (occupying) forces and bears his hand-written dedication,” Culture Minister Lina Mendoni said.

“That is why this painting was impossible not only to sell but even to put on display as it would be immediately identified as being stolen from the National Gallery.” The National Gallery was recently reopened after a major renovation that lasted nine years and was delayed for months due to the pandemic. Mendoni did not say when the recovered works would go back on display.

The suspect is a Greek man who is believed to have acted alone, police said.

Longtime friendship goes up in smoke

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a cross-country trip to visit my pregnant best friend before she gives birth. She has a new fiancé and soon-to-be stepdaughter I hadn’t met before. She is 12, and we enjoyed some outdoor activities together.

I have a marijuana vape pen I smoke occasionally to relieve nausea and anxiety. We both live in states where it is legal. While we were outside, I discreetly hit my vape pen. The stepdaughter noticed and later asked my friend if I was smoking weed. My best friend proceeded to get extremely mad at me for doing it in the presence of the girl, and she no longer wants to be my friend.

I have apologized profusely. I have little experience with kids, and now I’m scared that I have lost my best friend, who refuses to speak to me. Abby, was what I did a friendship-breaker? Was I so in the wrong, or is my friend being extreme and overreacting?

FORMER FRIEND IN OREGON

DEAR FRIEND: Your friend is not being extreme or overreacting. You vaped in front of the child she is going to be responsible for. Underage children should not use marijuana because it can negatively affect their still-developing brains. Your friend may have ended the friendship because she wants to teach the girl by example to avoid people who do this. What you did showed extremely

poor judgment, and I don’t blame her.

DEAR ABBY: I dated a man for a year and eight months. It seemed to be going great. The relationship took a turn around the eight-month mark. I realized through thorough observation (we lived together) that he was a textbook narcissist. He responded just like my research showed he would. He claims he has no mental issues, but I learned a lot from this relationship about narcissism and how to recognize abuse.

Narcissism is real, but most people don’t know much about the signs and difficult behavior. As a result of the relationship, I am now in therapy. My question is, how (when I’m ready) do I approach the dating scene again so I don’t encounter an experience like this?

BURNED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR BURNED: Continue working with your therapist. By the time you are finished, you will know what to look out for. You may also realize that there aren’t narcissists lurking behind every bush. We form healthy relationships by getting to know people before jumping into a live-in relationship. Abusers of both sexes try to gain an advantage over their victims by chipping away at their self-esteem and making them doubt themselves. Keep your eyes open and listen to your intuition, and you won’t subject yourself to this kind of relationship again.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 35 years. She’s the best. However, for the last few years I feel like she fits our relationship in between her texting and emails, and not the other way around. Should I feel hurt or just roll with the times?

NEGLECTED IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEGLECTED: Neither one. What you should do is tell your wife of 35 years that she is making you feel like No. 3 on her list of priorities. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

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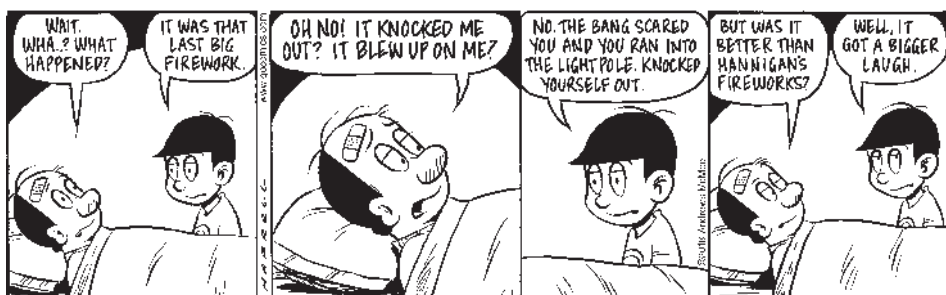
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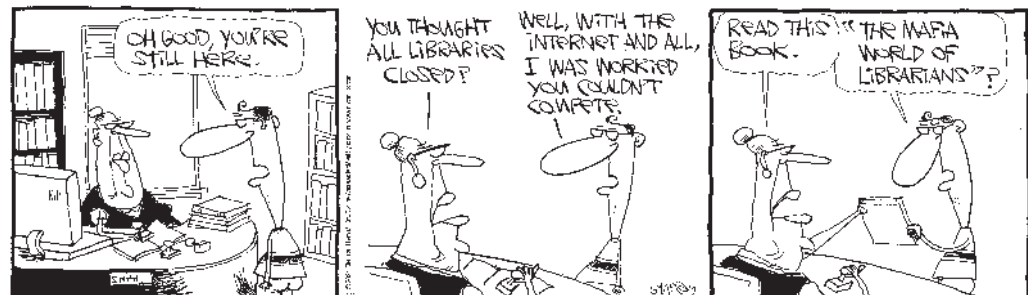
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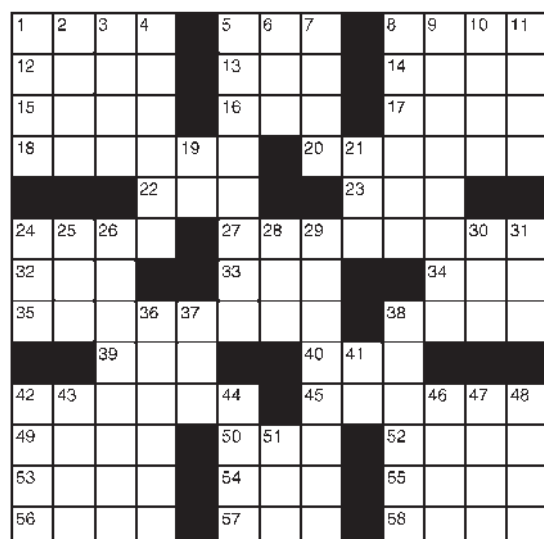
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Happy Birthday: Be open to suggestions, but don't let anyone take over. It's up to you to stay on top of your plans and see matters through to the end. Be prepared to do the work yourself and to stay within your budget. Outside influences are best kept at bay if you want to get ahead this year. Don't take financial or physical risks. Your numbers are 9, 12, 22, 25, 31, 42, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your energy where it counts. Self-improvement, living life your way and taking responsibility for your happiness are encouraged. Be honest with yourself and others, and you will gain respect and insight into what you want to do next. Romance is featured. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Slow down, rethink your strategy and refuse to let anyone bait you into something that compromises your time, patience or reputation. Keep your feelings to yourself until you have time to figure out the best way to proceed. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Enlist people who owe you, and you'll get the help you need. Don't take on too much or make a lot of promises. Put your energy where it will bring the highest return. Take credit for your accomplishments before someone else does. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Back away from unpredictable people. A steady pace forward will help you gain trust and respect. Share only what's necessary.

Listen, and you'll gain insight into what others intend to do. Charm and making things happen will help you get ahead. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Trust your instincts, not what someone tells you. The changes others make will cause uncertainty, so have a backup plan in place. Personal improvements will give you the confidence to put the past behind you and do your own thing. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let things unfold naturally. Be prepared to make decisions when necessary and to trust in yourself, not someone else. In the end, it's you who needs to feel good about the decisions you make. Please yourself, not others. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look for an efficient way to get things done. Abide by the rules and regulations to avoid taking a health risk. A meaningful relationship will improve if you discuss your intentions and plans. Romance will enhance your life. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't mix business with pleasure. A conflict of interest will leave you in a precarious position. Look for alternative ways to utilize your skills to reach your goal. Joint ventures will lead to financial complications. Protect against illness and injury. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Follow through with your plans and don't look back. Take control of your life; distance yourself from anyone trying to take over or push you in a direction that's not best for you. Don't believe everything you hear. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will surface when dealing with a friend, relative or colleague. Assess situations before you share your thoughts. Do your own thing if you suspect someone will interfere with your progress. A unique path won't disappoint you. ★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Control your emotions to avoid a scene. Concentrate on what you are trying to accomplish at home that will improve your productivity. Don't let the changes others make stop you from doing what makes you happy. Make fitness and health priorities. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lend a helping hand, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Having reasonable expectations will help you see the ins and outs of a situation you face with a friend, relative or lover. Establish what you will and won't do. ★★★

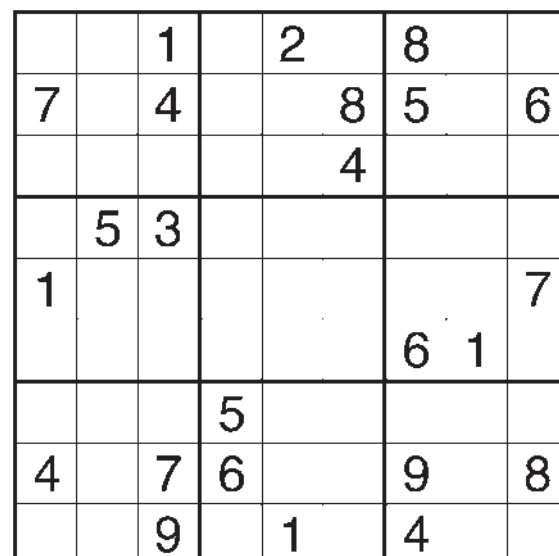
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By Dave Green



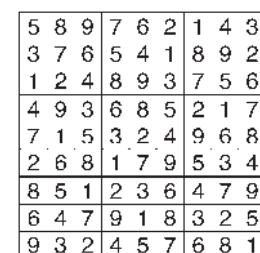
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Hawks romp to 110-88 win without Young, Giannis goes down



ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Hawks proved they are more than a one-man team.

Now, it's the Milwaukee Bucks who may have to show they can get by without the Greek Freak.

With Trae Young sidelined by an unusual injury, Lou Williams and a host of Hawks stepped up to fill the void, leading Atlanta to a 110-88 rout of the Bucks in Game 4 to even the Eastern Conference finals Tuesday night.

"A total team effort," Hawks coach Nate McMillan said.

In another stunning twist to a series no one saw coming, two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo hobbled off the court with an injured left knee, depriving the Bucks of their best player.

"We'll see how he is tomorrow," coach Mike Budenholzer said. "We'll take everything as it comes. We'll evaluate it. We've got a heck of a team, a heck of a roster."

Williams started for Young and did a stellar job with 21 points, Bogdan Bogdanovic added 20 to break a series-long slump, and the Hawks pulled away in the third quarter to tie the series at two wins apiece.

Game 5 is Thursday night in Milwaukee.

It's not known if Young or Antetokounmpo will be able to play.

Williams, long one of the NBA's best players off the bench, will be ready to start again for the Hawks, if needed.

"I knew about an hour before this game that I was going to start, when they said Trae was out, so I just had to refo-



AP
Atlanta Hawks' Bogdan Bogdanovic reacts after scoring during the second half against the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 4 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals Tuesday, June 29, 2021, in Atlanta.

career playoff high with 38 points in a Game 3 victory, Milwaukee's Khris Middleton was held to 16 points on 6-of-17 shooting.

He missed all seven of his 3-point attempts.

With Young out, the Hawks needed some little-used players to step up.

No one was bigger than Cam Reddish.

In just his second appearance since February, Reddish scored 12 points, pulled down five rebounds and came up with two steals.

Reddish missed the final 42 games of the regular season with an Achilles injury and the first two rounds of the playoffs. His first appearance since Feb. 21 came during garbage time of Milwaukee's blowout win in Game 2.

Reddish had to play a much bigger role in Game 4, coming on less than seven minutes into the game in the first wave of substitutions. He was joined by Kris Dunn, playing just his fifth game all season and first of the playoffs.

With the crowd mocking him mercilessly, counting off the number of seconds he took to shoot, Antetokounmpo missed all three of his free throws in the first half.

In fact, he only hit the rim on one of them, which had the Atlanta fans jeering him even louder.

cus my energy, put on a different hat and get ready for the game," Williams said.

Young was declared out about 45 minutes before tipoff, having sustained a bone bruise when he twisted his right ankle stepping on an official's foot along the sideline in Game 3. He watched from the bench in a black warmup suit, barely noticeable with a hood over his head and a mask across his face.

Turns out, he wasn't needed. "Everybody played with confidence. Everybody played at a high level," Williams said

"Going back to Milwaukee, we're going to have to bottle it up and take it with us."

Antetokounmpo endured a dismal first half, scoring just six points and chunking up a pair of airballs from the free-throw line. He bounced back with eight points in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the third quarter, including a step-back jumper that sliced Atlanta's lead to 62-54.

The next time down the court, Williams worked a pick-and-roll with Clint Capela, who went up for a dunk that Antetokounmpo tried to

contest. The Bucks star landed awkwardly and went down in a heap, grasping at his left knee while a hush fell over the arena.

The entire Milwaukee bench came out to check on Antetokounmpo, who had to be helped to the locker room with what was diagnosed as a hyperextended knee. He returned briefly to the bench, but never made it back to the court, heading to the locker room for good when the Hawks blew the game open.

Atlanta outscored the Bucks 25-8 the rest of the quarter to seize a commanding 87-62 lead.

Budenholzer is confident his team will play much better the next time out — with or without Antetokounmpo.

"We've got to be better on both ends," the coach said. "Our group will gather. The character will come through."

The Hawks led 51-38 at halftime, holding the Bucks' to their lowest-scoring half of the postseason.

Milwaukee made only 14 of 41 shots from the field—including 5 of 23 beyond the arc—to go along with nine turnovers.

Two nights after tying his

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Clippers have been unflappable amid high stakes throughout these playoffs. They recovered from 0-2 deficits against Dallas and Utah to reach the Western Conference finals for the first time in franchise history.

Down 0-2 to the Phoenix Suns, they've rallied within a victory of tying the series and forcing Game 7. Much of their resilience can be credited to Tyronn Lue, who is a NBA-best 10-2 in elimination games as a coach.

Lue has described being in the playoffs as his "happy place" and he thrives on the chess match moves required from game to game.

"Sometimes it's tough because adjustments mean some guys can't play, some guys play more, and you've got to be able to accept that," he said. "It means a lot just for those guys to trust me, to understand that whatever I'm doing is the best for the team, not for me."

Lue lets his players know

Clippers' cool-hand Lue is NBA's best in elimination games

ahead of time whether they'll be starting or coming off the bench. He's quick to hit them up with encouragement via texts and phone calls.

"It's special, just the relationship I have with T," Paul George said, "and the relationship T-Lue has with every individual on this team in general. It just says a lot about him."

Lue has kept calm throughout the postseason frenzy.

"He always has a chill demeanor," Marcus Morris said. "It's like having one of my better friends as the head coach. That's the best thing about him, he's wide open. He allows you to speak up. That goes a long way with players in this league."

The Clippers' season is on the line again Wednesday night at Staples Center against the Suns, who lead the series 3-2. Phoenix is a 1-point favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

LA will be without two-

time NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard, who has been out with a right knee sprain. The team also said Tuesday that center Ivica Zubac, who sat out Game 5 because of a MCL sprain in his right knee, is questionable to play.

The Clippers have proved they can win without those two starters, as well as potential starter Serge Ibaka, whose back surgery ended his season. Both of their wins so far have come by 14 points each. Phoenix's wins have been by a combined 11 points.

"They are one-possession games where they could have went either way," Morris said.

Last year, the Clippers blew a 3-1 series lead to Denver in the conference semifinals, with chemistry cited as the main issue. Doc Rivers got fired and Lue was promoted from the bench to the top spot.

It was Rivers who first encouraged a doubtful Lue to aspire to a head coaching job.

Rivers is one of some high-profile mentors Lue has had over the years, including Phil Jackson, Scott Skiles and Stan Van Gundy.

After retiring as a player in 2009 having won two NBA titles with the Lakers, Lue started out assisting Rivers in Boston. Lue spent one season with the Clippers before becoming an assistant with the Cleveland Cavaliers. He was elevated to head coach after David Blatt's firing and as a rookie, Lue guided LeBron James and the Cavs to the 2016 NBA championship. They reached the Finals again the following two years, losing both times to Golden State. Lue was fired after an 0-6 start to the 2019 season.

Lue honed his ability to tell highly paid superstars what they might not want to hear in Cleveland, giving him practice in dealing with Leonard and George during his first season in charge in LA.

"If they are doing too much, I'll let them know," Lue said of his team. "But I want guys to feel no pressure, just go out there and play their games. That's what got them to this point. It feels good to hear guys saying positive things (about him), but they are the one with talent that got so far."

ON THE BRINK

Chris Paul has just about done it all in his 16-year career.

He's an 11-time All-Star, MVP of the All-Star Game, four-time All-NBA first-team selection, and a two-time Olympic gold medalist.

But his playoff fortunes have been mixed. In 12 postseason appearances, he's made the conference finals twice and lost in the first round six times.

Now he's one game away from reaching the NBA Finals for the first time at age 36, but refuses to look ahead.

"Not until the job is done,"

he said. "We can talk about all that then, but right now it's just laser focus. Three wins don't win the series."

PAGING AYTON

Deandre Ayton all but disappeared in Game 5, and the Suns will need to get their big man more involved if they want to close out the series in LA.

Ayton had 10 points and 11 rebounds in 36 minutes, his fewest points since Game 3 of the conference semifinals against Denver. He took just nine shots—his fewest of the series—against a smaller Clippers lineup.

"Got to do a better job getting it to him," Paul said. "They got like three people sort of boxing him out or trying to hold him down, so we just got to pick our spots better and be more aggressive."

Ayton's two best performances against the Clippers came in Games 1 and 2, when he scored 20 or more points. His "Valley Oop" slam with 0.9 seconds left won Game 2.

Germán Márquez comes within 3 outs of 8th no-hitter of 2021



DENVER
(AP)—Ger-
mán Márquez

had a no-hitter was within reach, no surprise given his recent outings.

Márquez came within three outs of what would have been a record-tying eighth no-hitter this season before allowing a single Ka'ai Tom's single leading off the ninth inning in the Colorado Rockies 8-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

"I've been thinking about it," said Márquez, who has allowed one run and four hits over 23 innings in winning his last three starts. "Everything is there. My delivery is there. My confidence is there. It was close. Just one pitch. It was one pitch and he put a good swing on it."

The 26-year-old Venezuelan right-hander faced one batter over the minimum.

Tom, a .145 hitter coming in, reached when he lined an 0-1 knuckle-curve into right field. Michael Pérez then grounded into a double play and Adam Frazier grounded out. Before that, Jacob Stallings was hit in the left ribs by a knuckle-curve with a 1-2 count and one out in the second inning, and Phillip Evans checked his swing and walked on a 3-2 slider that went low and outside with one out in the fifth. Kevin Newman then grounded into an inning ending double play.

Adam Frazier led the game off with a liner that first baseman Joshua Fuentes caught with a dive. "We didn't have a lot of solid contact," said Pirates manager Derek Shelton, whose club was shut out for the second consecutive game. "The very first ball of the game, Frazier hit it hard down the line and Fuentes made a nice play on it. Other than that, we didn't hit a lot of things on the barrel. He did a really nice job keeping us off the barrel. I think that the mix of his breaking ball ... he commanded the breaking ball extremely well and then mixed in the fastball, especially late, and that's what gave us problems. His tempo was really good all night."

Ke'Bryan Hayes led off the seventh with a slow-rolling comebacker that shortstop Trevor Story scooped up on the run to get Hayes at first by a step. Story made a leaping catch on Stallings' liner starting the eighth.

Márquez (7-6) struck out five and walked one, throwing 65 of 92 pitches for strikes in his fourth complete game and second shutout in 123 starts. He has allowed one earned run or fewer in eight of his last 10 starts and was coming off a June 23 outing at Seattle in which he retired his first 17 batters.

There have been seven no-



hitters this season. The only season with eight was in 1884, the first year pitchers were allowed to throw overhand.

There has been only one no-hitter at Coors Field, the Rockies' hitter-friendly home since 1995. Hideo Nomo of the Dodgers no-hit the Rockies on Sept. 17, 1996, a 9-0 Los Angeles victory.

The only Rockies pitcher to throw a no-hitter is Ubaldo Jiménez against the Braves in Atlanta on April 17, 2010.

Pittsburgh was shut out for the second straight night and fifth time this season. Colorado pitched just its third shutout.

Chase DeJong (0-3) allowed five runs and nine hits in five innings.

Eliás Díaz homered for the second time in two games, a solo shot in the three-run fifth.

Márquez, a 2018 Silver Slugger winner, doubled twice and drove in a run.

Colorado went ahead in the second when Garrett Hampson hit an RBI double and scored on a single by Joshua Fuentes.

Yankees 11, Angels 5

In New York, Gary Sanchez, Aaron Judge and Miguel Andujar homered as New York enjoyed a rare productive showing at the plate and survived allowing two homers to Shohei Ohtani in a victory over visiting Los Angeles.

New York set a season high for runs, marking the second time this season it scored at least 10. The Yankees also hit at least three homers for the 13th time, and they finished with 11 hits and drew nine walks.

Ohtani hit his 27th and 28th homers to take sole possession of the major league lead from Toronto Blue Jays slugger Vladimir Guerrero Jr. He also hit his 12th and 13th homers this month to move into a tie with Tim Salmon (1996) and Albert Pujols (2005) for the

team record for homers in June.

Nationals 4, Rays 3

In Washington, Kyle Schwarber kept up his torrid homer pace, and Juan Soto and Victor Robles also went deep as host Washington held off Tampa Bay.

The Nationals won their third consecutive game and are 13-3 going back to June 13. The Rays dropped back-to-back games following a four-game winning streak.

Every position player in the Nationals lineup had one hit starting with Schwarber, who socked a leadoff home run. It was his 12th long ball in his past 10 games, tying the major league record for a 10-game span. Albert Belle set the mark in September 1995.

Rangers 5, Athletics 4

In Oakland, Joey Gallo continued his home run tear with bombs to right and left field, lifting visiting Texas over Oakland in the opener of a three-game series. The Rangers won a fourth straight game for the first time this season.

Gallo's homers came in the fourth and sixth innings and were his 17th and 18th of the year. He now has five homers in his past three games.

Oakland got solo homers from Jed Lowrie, Mitch Moreland and Matt Chapman.

Orioles 13, Astros 3

In Houston, Cedric Mullins recorded his third game with at least four hits this season and Maikel Franco delivered a bases-clearing double that keyed a five-run eighth inning as Baltimore got an easy road victory over Houston.

The Orioles clinched their first road series victory since taking two of three against the Seattle Mariners, May 3-5. Baltimore entered the series having lost 22 of the past 23

road games.

Franco had three hits and scored three runs, and Baltimore got two hits apiece from Austin Hays, Anthony Santander, Ramon Urias and Austin Wynn. Hays knocked in three runs.

Red Sox 7, Royals 6

In Boston, J.D. Martinez sliced a go-ahead, two-run double in the sixth inning as part of a four-RBI night, leading Boston past visiting Kansas City.

Martinez (2-for-2) reached base four times to pace a 12-hit attack for the Red Sox, who ran their winning streak to five. Boston came from behind for the second straight night, extending its major league lead for such victories to 27.

Michael A. Taylor (3-for-3, three RBIs) and Ryan O'Hearn (3-for-5) each slugged two-run home runs among 13 hits for the Royals, who have lost seven straight.

Blue Jays 9, Mariners 3

In Buffalo, Marcus Semien had a three-run homer and a two-run double, Bo Bichette hit a three-run homer and host Toronto beat Seattle in Buffalo.

Semien also had a single to lead a 15-hit barrage in the opener of a three-game series as the Blue Jays won their third straight.

Ty France hit a three-run home run and added a double for the Mariners.

Brewers 2, Cubs 1

In Milwaukee, Brandon Woodruff struck out eight batters over six strong innings, and Milwaukee held on to beat visiting Chicago for its seventh victory in a row. Christian Yelich and Jace Peterson drove in one run apiece for the Brewers.

Patrick Wisdom went 1-for-3 with an RBI double to lead the Cubs at the plate, and Joc Pederson had two hits. Chicago

has dropped five consecutive games.

Woodruff (7-3) limited the Cubs to one run on four hits and three walks. Josh Hader pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his 20th save in as many opportunities. Chicago's Zach Davies (5-5) gave up two runs on two hits in four innings.

Dodgers 3, Giants 1

In Los Angeles, Max Muncy hit a home run and Walker Buehler pitched 6 2/3 strong innings as host Los Angeles pulled off a sweep of a two-game series against rival San Francisco.

Muncy's home run was his seventh in nine games against the Giants this season. Chris Taylor added a two-run double as the Dodgers won their fifth consecutive game since they were no-hit by the Chicago Cubs on Thursday. Buehler (8-1) gave up one unearned run and just three hits, with one walk and seven strikeouts.

Steven Duggar had an RBI double for the Giants, who were playing without Mike Yastrzemski after the outfielder fouled a ball off his right leg on Monday.

Phillies 4, Marlins 3

In Philadelphia, Vince Velasquez tossed seven shutout innings, Rhys Hoskins homered and host Philadelphia defeated Miami.

Velasquez (3-2) gave up two hits, struck out seven, walked none and retired the final 13 batters he faced.

Jose Alvarado allowed two runs but recorded the final four outs to earn his third save.

Mets 4, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Francisco Lindor's two-out RBI single completed a four-run seventh-inning rally and sparked visiting New York to a win over Atlanta.

The Mets, who trailed 3-0 entering the inning, tied the

Colorado Rockies starting pitcher German Marquez heads to the dugout after retiring the Pittsburgh Pirates in the sixth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 29, 2021, in Denver.

game on James McCann's three-run homer, a blow that knocked out Atlanta starter Charlie Morton. It was McCann's seventh homer, four of them coming in June.

New York took the lead against reliever A.J. Minter (1-3) when pinch hitter Jose Peraza doubled and scored on Lindor's sharp single to center.

Padres 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Tommy Pham went 3-for-4 with a solo homer while eight hurlers pitched in to help visiting San Diego beat Cincinnati for its 10th win in 11 games.

Following a 52-minute weather delay at the start, the contest turned into a bullpen game for both teams, with neither starter lasting past the third inning and the teams combining to use 16 pitchers.

Reliever Emilio Pagan (4-0) struck out the side in a perfect eighth to earn the win. Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his major-league-leading 25th save for the Padres, who have won all five meetings with the Reds this season.

White Sox 7, Twins 6

In Chicago, Gavin Sheets went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs in his major league debut to lead host Chicago to a victory over Minnesota.

Andrew Vaughn also had two hits and Leury Garcia singled, walked and drove in two runs for first-place Chicago, which improved to 25-12 against American League Central teams, including 6-1 against Minnesota.

Lucas Giolito (6-5) picked up the win allowing three runs on six hits in six-plus innings. It was the ninth straight game in which Giolito, who walked one and struck out one, pitched at least six innings.

Cardinals 3, Diamondbacks 2

In St. Louis, Carlos Martinez allowed just one run on four hits in six innings as St. Louis edged visiting Arizona. Alex Reyes blanked the Diamondbacks for the final two innings to earn his 19th save.

Martinez (4-9) struck out six batters while permitting four hits and two walks as he snapped out of his June funk. He was 0-5 with a 13.73 ERA in the month, with 31 hits and 17 walks allowed in 19 2/3 innings.

The Cardinals won for the third time in four games while the Diamondbacks lost for the 23rd time in 25 games.

Proceeds from Padyakan donated to *man'amko*

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Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 turned over part of the proceeds from the 2021 Padyakan Sa Saipan to the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council at the Aging Center last June 22.

Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 leader Leo Cañedo said their donation of \$1,000 to the *man'amko* is in line with masonic ideals of respecting the elderly, especially during this time of COVID-19 when the community's elderly are the most susceptible.

"The CNMI very much treasures their elderly and as

masons we respect and also extend whatever help we can to the islands' *man'amko*. We held the recent 2021 Padyakan Sa Saipan event to raise funds for the community at large. This turnover of the donation today is the realization of that promise," he said.

Cañedo said the Office on Aging is just one of many agencies and groups the Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 plans to donate proceeds to from future worthwhile events.

Office on Aging director Walter A. Manglona extended his gratitude to Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 for the gener-



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Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 members presented a \$1,000 check to the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council at the Aging Center last June 22.

ous donation and said the money will be spent to improve and add to the congregants' activities at the Aging Center,

"Thanks again for this kind

and generous donation. Our seniors are truly grateful and appreciative for this kind gesture and for thinking about them especially during this

global pandemic," he said.

Manglona also seconded Deocares, saying that the world's seniors are indeed the first to be affected and suffer

the most by the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Due to the COVID-19 our seniors are not doing any fundraisers so this donation actually comes in handy. According to the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council president Ms. Genia Draper, our seniors are looking forward to upgrading their musical instruments such as getting new microphones and mic stands. They are also looking into buying some art supplies and other fun things to do while at the senior center," he said.

The 2021 Padyakan Sa Saipan was held last April and saw veteran cyclist Joel Bucu and 15-year-old J.C. Ferrer top the men's and women's road bike open divisions, respectively.

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TanHoldings 16, Paire 0

TanHoldings also played no letup in its first game of the season.

Audrey Castro led TanHoldings' rout of Paire after making four goal, while eight other players of the winning team also hit the board.

Meanwhile, the NMIFA Summer Youth League 2021 also featured games in the co-ed U12 division and results of last weekend's matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Friday issue.

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everyone just keeps improving," she said.

On how she managed to make the victory lap after coming so close in previous races, Cepeda said she just stuck to what her father always advised her.

"I wouldn't say that I had a strategy, but something I keep in mind is to ride smarter and be safe. My dad would always remind me to make my best judgments when I ride and to understand the feel of my

bike," she said. Her father of course is Expert Class rider Melvin "The Whip" Cepeda, while mom is MRA secretary Eleanor Cepeda.

The As Lito resident added that she's just happy riding motorbikes again. "I've been riding dirt bikes since I was in elementary school. This season was my first year back at Cowtown in about 14 years. The track was perfect for race day. The rain helped a lot," said Cepeda.

In the Big Boy ATV, Christian Camacho returned from his absence in the fifth se-

ries with another win. His 50 points last Sunday gave him 250 points for the season, as he still hasn't lost in a race he saddled up. Henry Camacho Sr. and Rex Susulin tied at second with 42 points each. The former continues his hold on the second spot overall with 156 points, while the latter is at third with 150 points.

Jesus Santos was first in the Mini ATV with 47 points, followed by Theresa Borja with 45 and Franchesca Yumul with 42. In the overall standings, Borja is still in the lead with 295 points, while Santos

and Melvin Reyes continue to shadow her with 265 and 208 points, respectively.

In the Pee Wee ATV, Keoni Rosario racked up a third straight sweep of the two races and earned another 50 points. Skyler Togawa and Ryan Borja were tied at second with 40 points apiece. Brooklyn Susulin, however, leads the division with 240 points, followed by Togawa's 198 and Rosario's 194.

Results of the Pewee 2, Pee-wee 1, Veterans, and Novice divisions will be published in tomorrow's issue of the *Saipan Tribune*.

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swimmers, I expect them to feel out the competition and give them a goal to train toward," he said.

Registration and more information about the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series can be accessed via https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=245400&fbclid=IwAR3XIL3pWz_18fuf8eqNeOf3RkxLeKQGqWfQONkY1IJuxvNKskwAlx-ItS4.

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Edinna Cepeda tops Power Puff Class



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Edinna Cepeda gave herself a puncher's chance in winning the championship of the Power Puff Class of the Marianas Racing Association's 2021 Point Series Race after topping last Sunday's race at CowTown Raceway Park in Marpi.



Straddling her Yamaha YZ 85cc dirt bike, the 25-year-old totaled 43 points to edge Felomenaleonisa

Iakopo who came away a point short at 42 points. Nana-ko Celis completed the Top 3 with 40 points.

In the overall tally, Cepeda's student, Billie Pangelinan, continued to pace the division with 263 points, with Celis breathing down her neck with 262 points. Cepeda trails in the third spot with 229 points overall.

Cepeda, who is a 6th grade teacher at Dandan Middle School, said winning the pen-

ultimate race in the seven-race series was a shock to her.

"I was actually surprised! I did not expect it especially since the season has been

tough. It was definitely a comeback for me. All the girls in the class are fearless and ev-

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Saipan Swim Club members' last competitive meet was the 2020 Meek & Mighty Ocean Swim in February last year that saw Jinnosuke Suzuki, pictured here, top the open water swim.

SSC to host Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series

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The Saipan Swim Club will be holding three open water swims beginning July 10 that will serve as a qualifier for the 2021 FINA World Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates this coming December.

Called the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series, it will be sanctioned by the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation and aside from SSC swimmers, members of the Swimming Center Tsunami Saipan have also been invited to join.

The July 10 race will be held in the waters off the West Coast Restaurant and 500 Sails beach and will have seven races—20m for beginners, 50m for intermediate, 100m for advanced, 500m open, 1,000m open, 1,500m open, and

the 1,000m World Championship qualifier only for selected swimmers. An awards ceremony will be held after the race.

The second and third parts of the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series will be held on July 24 and Sept. 25.

SSC coach Richard Sikkel said the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series will mark his club's return to competitive action since the Meek and Mighty Swim way back in February 2020.

"I expect all swimmers to put in 110% of effort and challenge each other to swim faster. Since this is the first in a three-race series I am hoping that as organizers we can work out all the kinks so that we can have a smooth running race that sets a high standard and fair conditions for the swimmers. As for the

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Lopsided wins in Summer Youth League opener

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The long break from a regular competition did not prevent four teams from having a rousing start in the NMIFA Summer Youth League 2021 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

In the boys U15 division of the league, which was Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's first for youth teams since the COVID-19 pandemic halted action on the pitch in March last year, TanHoldings Football Club and Kanoa FC were on fire on route to whipping their respective opponents.

Kanoa crushed Paire FC, 11-2. Markus Toves, Tyler Omelau, Isaiah Jolo, and Paul Lizama scored two goals each in the lopsided win. Vicente Reyes, Ruben Guerrero, and Leland Deleon Guerrero added two goals apiece. O-Jay and Rodney Tomei delivered the pair of

goals for Paire.

Toves opened things up for Kanoa with his back-to-back goals in the first half that ended with the team taking a 4-1 lead. Jolo and Omelau registered the two other goals for



Kanoa in the opening half and the team pulled away in the second for a big win in the kick-off of the first summer league.

In the other boys U15 match, TanHoldings eased past Matansa FC, 7-2.



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Matansa Football Club's Philip Megino, left, and Mark Patubo ward each other off as they fight for possession during the boys U15 division game in the NMIFA Summer Youth League 2021 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Anthony John Bargancia and Mark Patubo teamed up in lifting TanHoldings to its debut win, as they tallied three goals apiece. Anthony Austria contributed one goal, while Matansa drew its twin goals from Philip Megino and Isaiah Hossain.

GIRLS U15 Southern United 12, Kanoa-1 1

Megan Elayda, Rosie Saralu, and Pia Ngewakl were too much to handle for Kanoa-1 as the trio scored at will in the season opener.

Elayda set up the one-sided match with her hat-trick delivered in the first 12 minutes of play to finish with five goals. Saraly and Ngewakl added four each to complete the demolition, while Kanoa-1's lone goal came from Sophia Quintos.

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